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DONATIONS POUR IN FOR INJURED RIDER

BY PIPPA ARMSTRONG

AN appeal to help a mountain biker left paralysed from the neck down after an accident on Cannock Chase has raised more than £18,000.

Donations have been made by 270 people to help get a wheelchair and enable father-of-two Chris Evans to return home.

The 53-year-old was on one of his regular weekend rides with friends in July at the beauty spot when the accident happened. He navigated a small jump – one he had done many times before – but went over the handlebars and hit the ground chin-first, severely damaging his spinal cord.

Chris Evans

He was airlifted to Royal Stoke University Hospital but despite the best efforts of medical staff, he is now tetraplegic and unable to move any of his four limbs or torso.

He will also have to remain on a ventilator due to damage to his left lung.

A long, difficult journey followed but Chris, who used to work as a lorry driver for Royal Mail in Birmingham, battled through and is now determined to get home to his wife and daughters, and beloved doberman Diesel, in Fallings Park, Wolverhampton. Family, friends and strangers have been sending in donations.

His daughter Rachel Evans, 23, said: "He won't be coming home for about six to nine months as we're having to renovate the house for him – everything needs to be digital too, voice dictated – and we're looking to get him an off-road wheelchair so he can still go outdoors. It's something for him to look forward to."

Chris's wife Yvonne, 54, and daughters Katie, 28, and Rachel hope to raise £50,000 in total to enable him to live at home with some independence. He is currently in a specialist spinal facility at Sheffield Northern Hospital.

He said: "I can honestly say I am so humbled by people's generosity and support, I had no idea people who both know me and don't know would want to help. I'm eternally grateful."

Chris's colleagues at Royal Mail will be taking part in a Coast to Coast cycle ride from April 13 to 15, there will be a Beer Fest Day in Birmingham in May, and Katie and Rachel are taking part in a triathlon in June. Visit justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chrisevans-volume2 to donate, or find out more, or email chrisevansvolume2@outlook.com to find out about fundraising.

CANNOCK SCREENING WILL BE OSCARS FUNDRAISER

Film director Chris Overton from Heath Hayes

Actress Maisie Sly, aged six, in The Silent Child

Rachel Shenton and fiance Chris Overton in a TV interview

OSCAR-NOMINATED director Chris Overton is to host a screening in his hometown of Cannock at a fundraiser to help get the child star of the movie to the awards in Hollywood.

Chris, in his directorial debut, and his actress fiancee Rachel Shenton will host a Q&A at the screening of The Silent Child, which is in the running for the Best Live Action Short Film at the Academy Awards.

Set in rural England and inspired by real-life events, the film centres on profoundly deaf four-year-old Libby, who is born into a middle-class family and lives in a world of silence until a caring social worker teaches her the gift of communication.

A fundraising drive has now been launched to help the star of the film, six-year-old Maisie Sly, who is deaf, along with her family to the ceremony in Hollywood. A screening will take place at Electric Palace Picture House in Cannock on Sunday, February 18 from 7.30pm, with proceeds going to the family.

The event will be hosted by Chris and will include a Q&A with him and Rachel. The Silent Child was written by and stars former Hollyoaks actress Rachel, who hails from Stoke-on-Trent, and is inspired by personal experience. Rachel's father lost his hearing suddenly and lived the last two years of his life profoundly deaf.

Chris, 28, from Heath Hayes, went to great lengths to ensure he could communicate with his star, learning basic British Sign Language.

Tickets for The Silent Child, at £6.88, can be bought at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-silent-child-screening-tickets-42692070131#tickets

EMERGENCY

Tumble dryer fire prompts warning

A TUMBLE dryer blaze broke out on the ground floor of a three-storey building in Horse Fair, Rugeley.

The incident happened at 1.05am on Sunday. A fire crew from Rugeley and two from Cannock used one hose reel jet to put out the fire in the kitchen.

Glynn Luznyj from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "Please take care when using tumble dryers. They should be serviced regularly to ensure they are safe for use, the filters should be cleaned out regularly, and manufacturer's instructions should always be followed."

CARE

Concerns over safety at home

A NURSING home has been put in special measures after inspectors raised concerns over care and safety.

The Old Vicarage Nursing Home in Chasetown was rated 'inadequate' in a damning inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The report comes months after its sister home next door, Vicarage Court, was shut for good after being deemed unsafe.

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INDUSTRY

Carillion: 452 jobs go in latest wave

CARILLION workers throughout the region are among 452 to lose their jobs in the latest wave of redundancies at the firm.

The cuts came in the wake of almost 400 axed roles last week. The Official Receiver's office said the latest wave involved people from Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell, Staffordshire – including South Staffordshire and Cannock Chase – as well as from Telford and Shropshire.

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Chase abuse claims are 'lies' – ex-MP

Former MP John Hemming

A FORMER MP has claimed a woman who alleged he had sexually abused her on Cannock Chase 'deliberately lied'.

John Hemming, ex-Liberal Democrat MP, made the allegation about former Walsall schoolgirl Esther Baker in a letter of complaint to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

In 2015, Ms Baker sparked a two-year police investigation after alleging a child sex abuse ring operated on the Chase.

She waived her anonymity to claim children were assaulted during the 1980s and 1990s while others filmed the acts and police stood watch. However, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) concluded there was 'insufficient evidence' to secure convictions.

Mr Hemming's letter comes as it emerged Ms Baker had been awarded 'core participant' status at the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. Mr Hemming, who was MP for Birmingham Yardley, has asked the CPS for answers, according to reports.

His letter says: "I am writing to express concern about the slow handling of allegations about me made by Esther Baker that are currently being considered by the CPS. The CPS should also consider my counter complaint that Ms Baker deliberately lied, and therefore committed the offence of perverting the course of justice."

Speaking about suggestions the police could investigate an attempt to pervert the course of justice, Ms Baker said: "I am quite open for them to try. I have done nothing wrong."

A CPS spokesman confirmed an initial decision on Ms Baker's file had been to take no further action. However, since she enforced her Victims' Right to Review, the matter is now being considered by an independent prosecutor.

Nursing home is put in special measures

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The report comes months after its sister home, Vicarage Court, next door was shut for good after being deemed unsafe.

Inspectors found 'similar failings' at the Old Vicarage, which looks after 26 people, during an inspection at the end of last year. The home was previously rated as 'good'.

Run by Morecare Ltd, problems there included people left at risk of harm, medicines not managed properly and residents' dignity and privacy not upheld, the report said. And while family and friends were free to visit as they wished, people at the home 'were not spoken to kindly', or with care or respect, the report added.

Demanded

Incidents were not always reported to ensure residents were kept safe from abuse, people were sometimes not given the correct food and drink, and a manager was not always available to lead the service, it added.

Last August the CQC visited Vicarage Court and uncovered failings, which led to Morecare closing the facility in September.

The CQC had demanded improvements after a previous visit in November 2016 but said standards had plummeted.

Following the closure, residents were moved to the Old Vicarage, of which inspectors said: "Medicines were not always managed or administered as prescribed. There was not a registered manager in post."

Two inspectors and a specialist nurse adviser completed the unannounced inspection on October 9 last year. The home was awarded an overall rating of 'inadequate' after being judged on five categories: safe, effective, caring, responsive, and well-led.

No-one from Morecare Ltd was available for comment.

Turkish delight at pitch perfection

Can you tell the difference? The Bursaspor and Hednesford pitches are the focus of a 'bizarre' comparison on Twitter

IT'S not often – if ever – that Hednesford Town FC and Turkish Süper Lig outfit Bursaspor are mentioned in the same sentence.

The former Champions League team received criticism for the state of their pitch on Twitter, with one tweeter comparing the surface to Hednesford Town's pitch in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League. It is a comparison that Hednesford bosses have found amusing, as they paid tribute to their ground staff.

In his tweet, Yusuf Enes S showed both pitches side by side and wrote: "On the left is the floor of a team playing in the Turkish Super League, and the UK 7 on the right. The backdrop of the league team Hednesford Town. Pity, seriously."

Yusuf added: "Your men's capacity not even 1,000 people, but look at the perfection of this field. It smells like football." The pitch at Keys Park is looked after by husband-and-wife team Dave and Val Bates.

David tweeted: "I'm NOT going to tell you as to where I've had a recent approach from to look after a Football Ground. But the weather is outstanding." Hednesford press officer Scott Smith said: "It was all very bizarre."

Axe hangs over 2,000 workers at Homebase

NEARLY 2,000 Homebase jobs could be axed after the DIY chain's Australian owner launched a review of the business that may see up to 40 stores shut.

Wesfarmers, which owns Homebase's parent firm Bunnings UK, said that trading at the chain has been poor as it booked a £454 million impairment charge linked to its acquisition of the retailer.

"The Homebase acquisition has been below our expectations which is obviously disappointing," Wesfarmers boss Rob Scott said.

"In light of this, a review of Bunnings UK has commenced to identify the actions required to improve shareholder returns." The group later confirmed that between 20 and 40 of the worst performing Homebase stores could close down.

Homebase operates from 250 stores – including sites at Wolverhampton, Oldbury, Cannock and Birmingham – and employs 12,000 in total in the UK.

Poor trading at Homebase is expected to drag Bunnings into an underlying loss of £97m for the first half of the year, Wesfarmers confirmed.

"We need to address underperformance in our portfolio that is detracting from positive performance in other areas, and the announcement today sets out decisive actions to achieve this," Mr Scott added.

Pub company in licensee search

AN open evening is to be held at a Brereton pub next week as the search begins for a new licensee.

Admiral Taverns is preparing to carry out a £100,000 refurbishment of The Castle Inn and is looking for someone interested in taking on the job.

Potential licensees will have the opportunity to find out about plans for the pub and opportunities available.

"We are keen to work with a local licensee who has their own vision for the pub to help bring it back to life and establish it as a true hub for the community," Admiral's business development manager Ali Martinez said.

The open evening takes place on Friday, February 16, at The Castle Inn, 141 Main Road. For more information, call 01244 505255.

Brunel in spotlight

THE Men of Burntwood will welcome Arthur Aston, who will discuss the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, to their monthly meeting on Wednesday. The meeting is at St Matthews Sports and Social Club and starts at 7.45pm. For details, call Vince on 01543 682448.

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No mystery – plays team in need of rescue act

FUNDING cuts could spell the end of a Lichfield community tradition.

For almost a quarter of a century, up to 600 members of the community have been involved in the production of the Lichfield Mystery Plays, performed as a cycle every three years.

But the future of this nationally popular event is now seriously in doubt as a result of lack of funds. The next cycle of the plays is scheduled for next year, and there currently seems little prospect of securing the money needed to organise, coordinate and produce the free community event.

Accordingly, the directors of the Mysteries are seeking new directions for the plays, allowing future generations to enjoy the legacy and tradition that has been established over the years.

Rick Hill, chair of Lichfield Mysteries Community Arts, said: "We need a new insight into how this fantastic community activity can move forward. Our current thoughts are around helping smaller or school groups to perform the plays in a more contemporary style.

"We have no option, but if we cannot get the local support to take the production of the Mystery Plays forward, we will have to fold."

Schools, colleges, churches, or other groups who are able to help can email jilltaylor@lichfieldmysteries.co.uk or call 07729 883823.

Severn Trent bills will rise by 3.3pc

SEVERN Trent customers in the West Midlands region will enjoy the lowest average combined bills in Britain for the eighth year in a row.

The company, which has also reduced sewer flooding by half in the past year, has confirmed its bills for the coming 12 months will continue to be less than £1 a day, at a time when it is also investing billions of pounds in its water and waste network.

The 3.3 per cent rise in the bill for clean and waste water services, agreed after negotiations with Ofwat, will mean an average of £348 for the 4.3 million customers and eight million people served by the water company including in Shropshire and Mid Wales. Nationally the average combined bill is £405.

Playgroup's sale

BROCTON Pre School Playgroup's annual jumble sale is to be held on Saturday between 1pm and 3pm at Brocton Village Hall. Admission is 20p. Email manda.nixon@gmail.com for more information.

Massive turn-out for literature festival

Will Self – headliner

MORE than 6,200 people joined the latest edition of the Wolverhampton Literature Festival, enjoying almost 100 events across more than two dozen venues.

Events included children's storytelling, educational workshops, theatre and performance, literature, poetry reading, music and art talks.

The three-day festival saw award-winning writer and journalist Will Self headline the celebrations.

A total of 98 events took place across 26 city venues during the event, which saw a major increase in attendance compared with the 2,000 who visited last year's inaugural festival. Councillor John Reynolds, Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet member for city economy, said he is delighted it will be returning.

Event highlights included John Challis, famous for playing Boycie in Only Fools and Horses, talking about his career, his autobiography and his first novels.

Drummer Don Powell revealed the inside story of Slade, while Birmingham-born author Lynsey Hanley, who penned the book Estates: An Intimate History and is a Guardian contributor, also appeared.

The festival was made possible after the council teamed up with the University of Wolverhampton and the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star. It was funded by an Arts Council England grant to Wolverhampton Libraries.

The WoLF Poetry Competition received 695 entries and awarded prizes to the top three poems.

Meanwhile, a children's creative writing competition within schools saw 180 entries with the four finalists' poems published in a special festival anthology.

The festival has secured funding for the next four years from Arts Council England.

Shop in the flow with free water refill offer

A HEDNESFORD business is leading the way in the town by setting up a free water refill station days after a nationwide drive was launched.

The free water offer by new management of the Kitchen Cupboard in Market Street follows the launch of a scheme by the water industry last week which aims to see free refill points and fountains set up in shops, cafes and high streets in every English town and city.

The national scheme aims to fight the growing scourge of waste created by single-use plastic by preventing the use of tens of millions of plastic bottles every year, as well as increasing the availability of quality drinking water.

Industry body Water UK is joining forces with the pioneering Refill campaign, which started in Bristol, to create a network of high street retailers, coffee shops, businesses and local authorities offering to refill water bottles across the nation by 2021.

Users will be able to use an app on their phone to find out where the nearest refill point is, and there will be signs in shop windows.

Welcome

Whitbread was the first large company to sign up, pledging to provide free drinking in each of its 3,000 Costa Coffee and Premier Inn locations from next month.

Although shops and cafes are already legally obliged to offer free water on request, the new campaign makes it clear to people that they are welcome at the business and breaks the stigma around asking for water if customers have not purchased anything else. Kitchen Cupboard have signed up to the mobile social network app Refill.org. As well as plain water, customers can fill up with fruit flavoured water from one of three dedicated glass demi-johns.

Proprietor Nicole Barratt-Phillips said: "This is an exciting time for our business in the town as we provide a wide range of new services and goods to complement our traditional fruit and veg."

Green Party councillor for Hednesford South Stuart Crabtree said: "I look forward to working with other businesses who want to follow the lead of Nicole." Visit/www.refill.org.uk

Hospice maintenance manager Neil Mayo with, in the shed clockwise from top left, Lindsey Robinson, Ian Hutchings, Leander Wyman and Rebecca Lee

Stores' workers happy to help

B&Q staff from stores in Cannock and Tamworth have given St Giles Hospice a helping hand with painting and gardening.

They carried out the tasks to thank the hospice for support it gives to those affected by long-term illnesses at its Whittington site.

A team of B&Q employees provided paint and redecorated the interior walls in the family room before turning to the garden where the shed was restored alongside garden furniture.

The helpers utilised their green-fingered skills before power washing exterior surfaces.

B&Q has launched a series of community project partnerships across the country, with St Giles Hospice one of eight it is investing time and money at the moment.

The company is 10 months into a partnership with the charity Shelter and says it is always looking for community causes to support.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Litter heroes in big spring clean

KEEP Britain Tidy is about to undertake its annual Great British Spring Clean, between March 2 and 4.

Last year the campaign saw more #LitterHeroes engage than ever before and together collected 70,000 wheelie bins of rubbish in a weekend.

More than 300,000 people got involved to clean up streets, parks and beaches. This year, on Friday, March 2, local schoolchildren will be in Hednesford Park to learn how to improve the environment through composting, recycling and litter picking.

Anyone who would like to register for a litter pick can go to www.keepbritaintidy.org/gbspringclean

Great War display to go on the road

CHILDREN in Staffordshire will get the chance to learn more about life on the home front during the Great War.

An exhibition titled Kitchen Goes to War will tour schools and libraries this year, exploring why rationing was introduced during the First World War, how it worked and how families on the home front were encouraged to 'do their bit' for the war effort.

The project has been put together by Staffordshire County Council with a £10,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund's First World War 'then and now' programme.

RSPCA in campaign on airgun licences

THE RSPCA is calling for mandatory licensing of airguns in England and Wales, in the wake of 4,500 calls to the charity in five years about attacks on animals using such weapons.

Figures show that last year, 27 calls were made about such incidents in Staffordshire. The total number in England and Wales for 2017 was 884.

The RSPCA campaign for new legislation covering airguns is being backed by Cats Protection.

Airgun owners and users in Scotland have been required to have a licence since January 1, 2017.

Choir to perform at gospel praise evening

THE Birmingham Community Gospel Choir will be performing at a night of gospel praise in Cannock next month.

The event at Avon Business & Leisure Centre in Avon Road on Saturday, March 31 has been organised by the Living Springs Community Church based in Girton Rd, Cannock.

Tickets are £5 each, to be purchased in advance by calling 07593 850112 or by leaving a message on the church's website at www.livingsprings.cc

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COUNTY NEWS

Rain can't beat health protest

CAMPAIGNERS gathered in Stafford town centre for an NHS protest and called on the Government to save health services in the county.

Nearly 100 people attended the rally in the rain in Market Square organised by the Support Stafford Hospital group on Saturday. The event coincided with a march in London which saw thousands of protesters, many from left wing groups and unions, demand more funding for the NHS.

Support Stafford Hospital co-founder Cheryl Porter, who helped organise the 2013 march in the town, urged chiefs to keep health services in the town.

Number of falls at hospitals reduced

THERE has been a 30 per cent reduction in falls at Black Country hospitals. The Safety Plan, which was introduced at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust in January last year, involves clinical staff completing 10 safety checks when assessing a patient.

Statistics show the number of falls resulting in an injury has decreased by 30 per cent a week as a result of the plan being implemented across the trust. Figures also show 99 per cent of patients are receiving all 10 checks within 24 hours following admission.

Chief Nurse Elaine Newell said: "This is all about our patients."

Airport trials aid for blind in toilet

BIRMINGHAM Airport has become the first in the UK to fit the revolutionary RoomMate, an audio description unit for the visually impaired, in one of its disabled access toilets.

It provides an audio description of the facility for blind and visually impaired users.

Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM) Manager, Ed Kibblewhite said: "We have since invited several groups to trial the RoomMate with us and look forward to their feedback."

Extra day a week at legion's Break Away

A LUNCH and social activity club for older people is opening an extra day each week – Friday – from March 1.

Break Away, at the Royal British Legion, Summerhill, Kingswinford, is currently open on Mondays and Thursdays between 9am and 4pm.

Anyone interested is welcome to pop in and have a chat or can get further information by contacting Jenny Bates on 07487 404882.

Buildings 'not needed' for modern force

THE town or village police station is as iconic as the postbox and parish pump – a friendly place for the community to meet with their local bobby.

But policing cuts and modern living have placed the traditional station under threat. Following a raft of closures last year, West Midlands Police announced last week a further review was being carried out with the aim to close even more. And now, Staffordshire Police has said a review of its buildings is also to be carried out.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis is aiming to raise £13.7 million from the estate in 2018-19.

And the Chief Constable Gareth Morgan said: "I have got access and control of over 130 buildings in Staffordshire – that is no longer needed to deliver policing in the 21st Century."

He hinted at sharing more buildings with partner agencies, such as councils and the fire service.

Mr Morgan added: "We currently share locations in some places with partners. I think we will do more of that in the future."

The force is proposing a 6.29 per cent rise in its precept for next year's council tax, which will generate an extra £4.8m income, helping to plug the £11.5m shortfall, partly caused by a freeze of Home Office funding.

It also features Mr Ellis's capital strategy, which aims to raise money through the sale of estate.

Since Chasetown police station, along with stations in Tunstall and Stoke, shut in 2015, there have been no further closures. However, public desk opening times at Stafford and Cannock have been reduced.

Police stations face axe in 'budget challenge'

By Alex Ross

POLICE stations in Staffordshire could be closed down in a cost-cutting overhaul.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan said plans being looked at include police sharing offices with council workers in a bid to drive down the force's £7 million-a-year property running costs.

The estate has 22 police stations, including Wombourne, Rugeley, Lichfield, Cannock and Stafford town centre. The headquarters for the force, which is looking to claw back £13.7m from its estate in 2018/19, is off Weston Road, Stafford.

Mr Morgan said: "There are no firm plans at the moment, but I have a budget challenge, same as everyone else. I would rather spend the money on police officers and police staff than maintaining buildings that are often in the wrong place, not necessarily suitable for the public."

Detailed

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "One of the key objectives for the new Chief Constable is to make the police force across Staffordshire more efficient, more visible and more accessible to the public. The principle of shared accommodation to reduce costs and to improve the co-operation between different areas in the public sector has proven successful and will continue.

"The detailed proposal by the Chief Constable will be assessed and in due course I will make a decision on the future of the overall estate. Police officers out and about in communities is a fundamental objective."

The entire property estate is valued at around £50m. It comes days after Dave Thompson, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, announced a review was being carried out of his force's estate.

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Drivers injured in four-vehicle collision

A Ford Mondeo was badly damaged

A Ford Transit van overturned

TWO drivers were taken to hospital following a four-vehicle collision in which a van overturned.

The incident happened at 7.20am on Friday on the A5 Stretton viaduct. Two of the drivers were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

The Ford Transit van overturned, while a Ford Mondeo was badly damaged.

Cannock police tweeted: "Assisting our South Staffordshire colleagues with an accident on A5 at Stretton. Thankfully no serious injury at this time but the road may be closed for a while whilst vehicles are recovered."

Staffordshire Police are appealing for witnesses.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 quoting incident number 79 of 2 Feb.

It was one of a number of accidents in the region over the weekend.

The road was closed between Lichfield and Shenstone after a crash.

Staffordshire Police attended the scene beneath the railway bridge on the Birmingham Road at 8am on Sunday.

Cannock police reported the A460 Eastern Way from Hemlock Way Island to Hayes Way Island as closed at 11.30pm on Saturday after a collision. They also dealt with another incident in the early hours of Sunday, recovering a stolen vehicle in Cannock town centre.

The vehicle, taken from the West Midlands, was discovered to have false plates, and one male was detained.

Ex-MP will be guest speaker at dinner

SIR Gerald Howarth is making a return visit to Cannock as guest speaker at this year's Cannock Chase Conservative Association annual dinner.

It is being held on Friday, March 2 at The Barns, Huntington.

Sir Gerald

Sir Gerald was MP for Cannock and Burntwood from 1983 to 1992 and during that time became well known to many in the district.

He has returned from time to time since then, having an affection for the area and having made many lasting friendships, and says he is delighted to return once more to show support not just for the area but also for Amanda Milling, MP for Cannock Chase.

Sir Gerald will be accompanied by his wife Lizzie, and they are both looking forward to catching up with people in the Cannock Chase area.

The cost of the event is £35 which includes a three-course meal with tea/coffee.

Anyone interested in attending should call 07969 525216 or email office@localconservatives.org.uk for more information and tickets.

Another council tax rise agreed

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council's cabinet has pushed forward proposals to increase its portion of the council bill by 5.95 per cent.

The move, which would mean people in a Band D property pay around £68 more a year, will now go before the authority's full council on Thursday, February 15. Meanwhile, the Staffordshire Police precept will rise by 6.29 per cent equating to £11.40 extra for a Band D home.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority has two options on the table to increase its portion of the bill by 2.75 or 2.99 per cent. Both will mean about another £2 a year for residents.

Cannock Chase Council's cabinet has put forward an increase of 1.95 per cent – £4.07 more for Band D – to be considered by the full council.

Market at church

A MINI-MARKET is being held at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday from 9.30am to 11.15am. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free. Call 01543 462283 or 07860 528571 for further details.

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Developer wins school site homes contract

A CANNOCK company has been appointed as the main contractor for the construction of 52 houses on a former school site.

Privately owned developer Jessup Brothers, based in Girton Road, is celebrating 30 years in the industry and bosses they are delighted at being awarded the contract.

Meanwhile, concrete block manufacturer Besblock Ltd of Telford has been selected as a major part of the supply chain in the project at the site of the old Danesmore Primary School in Wolverhampton.

The 52-home scheme follows the completion of several projects on small, derelict sites managed by Wolverhampton Homes, which manages the council houses in the city.

Jessup's MD Clive Jessup said: "This year we celebrate 30 years of delivering homes in the Midlands, built using local suppliers and sub-contractors, so we are delighted to be working with Besblock on these much needed homes in Wolverhampton, benefitting the community and the local economy."

Besblock sales director Martin Fulwell said: "It's a good news story all round. Along with Jessup's, we have developed some really positive partnerships with several of the contractors involved in the council's initiative giving us confidence to embark on a significant expansion plan."

Restaurant looks to convert church

A CHURCH is set to be turned into a restaurant under new plans.

Chase Smokehouse has submitted an application for a 'change of use' of the Grade II listed Cannock United Reformed Church.

The historic building in Stafford Road, Cannock, dates back to 1824 when the chapel was constructed.

The proposal has been submitted to Cannock Chase Council, which will rule on the application in the coming weeks.

A planning document states: "The sympathetic re-use and enhancement of this nationally important historic building will help to ensure its continued preservation and contribution towards Cannock's local distinctive character."

White House walk

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is an eight-mile easy walk from The White House, Cannock Chase, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am departure. Call 07772 581457. New walkers are welcome.

Star has the music in her for Choir Camp

Matthew Jones

STAFFORDSHIRE singers are being given the chance to work with Kiki Dee at this year's Choir Camp.

The national gathering will take over Ingestre Hall from March 16 to 18. Best known for 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart', her 1976 international number one duet with Elton John, Dee was the first white British artist to be signed by Motown.

After solo success with 'Amoureuse' and 'I've Got the Music in Me', she went on to play the starring role of Mrs Johnstone in Bill Kenwright's original production of Blood Brothers. Choir Camp 2018 is the brainchild of local musician Matthew Jones and follows the success of last year's pilot with special guest Peter Straker. For recording projects, he has also brought stars such as Maggie Moone, Madeline Bell and Boy George to the Jacobean mansion, set in 30 acres of stunning countryside.

Jones is busy writing arrangements for the occasion, spanning pop, gospel, musical theatre and classical. "As far as I'm concerned, there is no activity more inclusive than group singing, so whether you're a complete beginner or seasoned professional, I invite you to join me in what promises to be another unforgettable experience," he said.

The singing weekend will also feature a black-tie party, ghost stories and a private tour of St Mary the Virgin, the only Christopher Wren church outside London.

For information on both residential and non-residential options, call Jenny Sloan on 0121 401 1380 or email info@saintececile.co.uk

Participants must be at least 18 years of age by March 16, 2018.

Kiki Dee – success

Probe on patient's death highlights care failings

AN independent probe into the care of a vulnerable elderly patient at Walsall Manor Hospital has highlighted a number of failings.

Susan Hearsey's family claimed her final weeks were ruined by her stay there between July 28 and September 16, 2013. She was originally admitted to the hospital after suffering a fall at Hob Meadow care home in Great Wyrley.

The 63-year-old, who had learning difficulties, told relatives a nurse on Ward 14 had deliberately damaged her doll 'Rachel', which she treated like her own child.

There were further allegations that Miss Hearsey suffered degrading treatment. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs the hospital, investigated the case internally and reached an out-of-court compensation settlement worth £65,000 with the family in March 2015.

Susan Hearsey

But in the last 12 months NHS investigators Verita have carried out an independent review and found a number of shortcomings around the care of Miss Hearsey, who has since died. The probe was commissioned by the trust last year. A report of its findings said 'reasonable adjustments' were not made for her and that hospital staff did not seek help or advice from experts, or her family.

It also found that Miss Hearsey's family were 'inadequately involved' by staff. The report added: "We found little evidence in the nursing notes of staff treating Miss H with appropriate empathy and compassion."

Verita then focused on claims that the doll was deliberately damaged by a nurse, who was initially suspended over the matter.

But they reached the same conclusion as the trust, stating: "There was, and still is, not enough evidence to support this allegation."

Verita listed more than a dozen recommendations to the trust, but they noted that improvements had already been made since Miss Hearsey's stay. No-one at the trust was available to comment.

Taxi man is more than 'fare' to Gwen

Yan Simonski and Gwen Herrington with the cheque for £1,225

AN unlikely friendship between a taxi driver and his pensioner passenger has become an internet sensation.

Around 69,000 people have now watched a video of Cannock worker Yan Simonski, aged 32, handing over £1,225 he raised for his friend, 84-year-old Gwendoline Herrington.

Gwendoline, or Gwen as he fondly calls her, is retired and often cooks meals for her 63-year-old daughter, who suffers with rheumatoid arthritis, which affects her wrists and hands. Yan decided to raise the money for Gwen, who is from Cannock, because he wanted her to have the chance to treat herself.

He said: "I did it because I know the money will go to good use. I am so impressed and surprised with the amount that was raised.

"If it was not for everyone that donated, it would not have happened.

"All I want to do is encourage people to look after the older generation and Gwen has been like an adopted nan towards the end of last year." The pair have a Facebook page where they postvideos of themselves. Last week they uploaded a video of Gwen's shocked reaction to the donations.

Gwen said: "I do not know what to do with the money but I might have a gardener in. I am still thinking of what to do with the rest." Yan, who set up an online fundraising page for Gwen and put collection pots in local pubs, has been a taxi driver for TV Taxis for seven years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Evacuation after home blaze starts

A CARE home in Rugeley was evacuated after a fire broke out.

A cleaner raised the alarm after she smelled burning on the first floor of Nethermore House in Chaseley Road on Thursday. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service crews arrived at the scene just after midday, and 17 elderly residents along with six members of staff were taken outside.

Station manager Tim Hollingworth said: "It is very fortunate the cleaner acted quickly when she smelled the smoke, before the alarms even activated, and the care home staff did an excellent job, working calmly and quickly, to evacuate."

Free guidance for diabetes patients

EDUCATION sessions for newly diagnosed or existing patients who have type 2 diabetes are being held in Staffordshire.

The free 90-minute My Diabetes sessions help people to better manage their condition and understand the lifestyle implications.

They are being held at venues in the Stafford, Cannock, South Staffordshire, Lichfield and Tamworth districts.

To find out more and to book a place, call 01889 572029 between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Firm Crowned at business awards

A CHASETOWN company won the Lichfield business of the year award from the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce.

Crown Highways, based on Queens Drive Industrial Estate, received the award at the chambers' Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield and Tamworth dinner and awards at The Belfry Hotel and Resort, Sutton Coldfield, on Friday.

Crown, which has been going since 2002, is a specialist sub-contractor offering a range of services to clients on the UK's motorways, trunk roads and local authority roads network.

Life skills sessions with fun activities

SNAP – the Special Needs Adventure Playground – is holding life skills sessions for adults and young people with learning disabilities.

It follows funding being awarded to the Cannock-based charity by The Foyles Foundation. The free two-hour sessions take place every Wednesday during term time between 10am and 3pm and include fun activities such as cookery, arts and crafts and science experiments. Call 01543 579286.

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

It's just criminal to penalise for 31mph

IF a pollster stopped you in the street and asked about your priorities for crime and policing, what would you say?

Violent crime? Putting away more burglars? Getting tough on anti-social behaviour, vandalism, and graffiti?

Or maybe you would reply: "All of these things are important, but I understand that in these days of stretched resources you can't do everything. So what I would really like is to nick motorists for doing 31mph."

I suspect the latter represents something of a minority viewpoint. But last week, just days after recording a 13 per cent rise in overall crime, and a 16 per cent increase in violent crime, the chief constable of West Mercia Police decided the burning issue was petty speeding offences.

Actually I suspect he knows full well that is not the view of the public. But there seems to be a culture among the higher echelons of most of our public services these days that their role is not to implement the will of the people, but to "change our attitudes and perceptions."

If we think burglary or yobbish behaviour is more important than straying fractionally over the speed limit, then we are clearly in need of a bit of education. Worked a treat in the old Eastern bloc.

Indeed, Mr Bangham says he wants to create a climate where the public feels embarrassed rather than aggrieved when being hit with a speeding fine, and up to a point I agree. But I think this approach will do exactly the opposite.

Think about how different attitudes to speeding were 30 or so years ago. Learner drivers were told it was ok to do up to 35mph "to keep up with the traffic", and police usually allowed people a margin of 10mph before stopping them.

But the thing was back then, if you did get caught, it really did mark you down as a bit of an idiot. Everyone knew you were driving irresponsibly and deserved all you got.

If we start penalising every single driver who strays one mph over the limit – which is basically every single driver – that stigma is gone. It becomes nothing more than a lottery, putting the self-centred boy racer in the same bracket as the little old lady on her way to a whist drive.

Mr Bangham has now sought to "clarify" the recent comments, and assures us officers will not be targeting drivers for trivial speeding infringements after all. Good.

Because if everyone is liable to be done for speeding, where's the embarrassment in that?

Getting in a state over a visit from US President

Stephen Fry – how much of this anger is genuinely about Trump

Donald Trump – how many demonstrators would turn out anytime to bash America

Lord Adonis – sneering at entire city and dancing on grave of a stricken company?

Playing Trump card – or just snobbery?

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

STEPHEN Fry is leading the campaign for "the most incredible protest in history" when Donald Trump makes his state visit to Britain. But how much of this anger is genuinely about Trump and how much is simply the latest manifestation of the anti-Americanism which has been festering in British society ever since we lost the War of Independence 235 years ago? It is a sneering snobbery, based on the conviction that European nations are civilised, wise and cultured while America is vulgar, brash and far too powerful.

At its heart it is all about old nations envying the success of a new nation. And I wonder how many of the "anti-Trump" demonstrators would turn out at any opportunity to bash America, no matter who was the president.

One of our national treasures said in an interview 10 years ago: "When they mock America for its supposed lack of knowledge, irony or sophistication, they are revealing nothing but the pathetic inadequacy and inferiority complex of the British. I absolutely hate that sneering anti-Americanism." The national treasure? Stephen Fry, since you ask.

A READER asks why it is that the latest cooking fad, Himalayan salt crystals, have lain "undisturbed beneath the mountains for one hundred million years" but come with a "best before" date of December 2018.

MY RECENT item on sneering at Americans reminds me of a pal who has recently had facial surgery and complains that, because of the stitches, he can no longer sneer with both sides of his mouth. My research suggests that he probably never could. Try it. Curl your lip into the sneeriest sneer you can manage and then try it with the other side of your mouth. It seems most people are one-sided sneerers. The explanation may be that, once you start sneering in childhood, you choose one side and the muscles on the other side "forget" how to curl. I dare say there are ambidextrous sneerers but I have yet to meet one.

ONE or two old softies took me to task for suggesting serial burglars should be taken into a field and shot. I wonder whether this week's report on the armed raider known as the Night Watcher who is targeting homes in southern England, terrifying householders and stealing their valuables changes any minds. Simple question: would the world be a better or a worse place if Chummie was no longer with us? Anyway, if he really is a soldier he'll understand the concept of the firing squad.

I WROTE recently about how a friend and I had different memories of the same event, a trip to the North Pole. A reader is reminded of his amazement in discovering that he had been at the same 1980s David Bowie concert in Milton Keynes as a lifelong friend. It turned out they both remembered the heat, the expensive bottled water and the four-hour delay in leaving the car park. But both had forgotten a significant fact. My reader went home and related the amazing coincidence to his wife who replied with a mixture of bemusement and pity: "Yes, I drove us all down in the car."

DID you spot the symbol the stars wore at the Grammys to show their solidarity with the campaign against sexual harassment? It was a white rose which also happens to be the symbol of Britain's right-on capital of liberal, gender-neutral and progressive thinking. Yorkshire. Put that kettle on, luv.

YOU may be aware that Lord Adonis, unaccountable architect of the detested HS2 and unelected crusader to overturn Brexit, is not one of my favourite people. He reinforces that status with his infamous recent tweet: "Wolverhampton, political base of Enoch Powell in the 60s and a huge Leave majority, is HQ to just one large company, Carillion!" Strange man. He seems to be sneering at an entire city while simultaneously snarling at Brexiters and dancing on the grave of a stricken company. They ought to put him in a circus for crotchety old people. But then that's exactly where he is.

I AM coping with this new online spell-check but it does make some odd connections. Who, in the name of sanity, thinks when I type "someone's" I may have intended to type "Simeon's"?

YOU have to admire the brass neck of Thomas Cook in blatantly turning sunbeds from a holiday entitlement into a paid-for extra. We were presumably supposed to cheer the travel firm's introduction of guaranteed, pre-hired sunbeds at holiday resorts. 'The end of the battle for the sunbed' crowed one headline. But at £22 a time? It is outrageous. How long before they start charging you for a seat in the dining room?

AFTER the death of Ikea founder Ingvar Kamprad was announced, I received a flurry of emails from folk joking that he ought to be buried in a flat-pack coffin. Maybe I'm getting old but it struck me as in rather poor taste.

TALKING POINT

No honey, I'm just being nice – not sexist

"THAT'S £3.50 please sweetheart." "Thanks love, have a good day." That could be a scene from any retail outlet at any time of the day. Yet how far can we go with pleasantries?

I ask, because walking through the centre of Wolverhampton, I encountered a hand-written notice. "A word of kindness can make someone's day."

The sentiment I wholeheartedly agree with, but not everyone may take your compliments the right way.

One rail commuter took to Twitter to express her disgust over what she called rude and misogynistic behaviour by a rail company official who had the cheek to address her as 'honey.'

Feeling patronised, she condemned the alleged put-down as 'everyday sexism'.

The company's reply – instead of an explanation or apology, she was asked if she'd prefer to be called 'pet' or 'love' next time – was probably ill-advised, but this only serves to act as a warning to others who may be easily offended by terms of endearment.

The company did apologise for what it had intended to be a light-hearted response and, while I do believe the commuter had a genuine complaint to make about the level of service, I personally think she should get a grip.

In an age when we are told that chivalry is dead, I wonder whether the same woman would complain if a 'gentleman' let her on or off the train first or held the door open for her.

From my own point of view, I have no problem with anyone I am dealing with calling me 'sweetheart', for example, they are only being polite after all. I wouldn't express the same platitudes in return as affectionate terms are only reserved for my other half. But their words will be appreciated and I will always be civil – I think please and thank you should be key words in everyone's vocabulary.

However, and this brings me back to the sign in Wolverhampton, who's to say no-one would be offended if I did call someone 'darling' for instance?

As a bloke dishing out niceties to a woman there's always the possibility that your intentions could be misread. If I tell someone their hair looks good that day or their outfit suits them, I would expect most right-minded people to take that as it is, a compliment.

We all like to be told something good about ourselves and I think one ought to tell, during face-to-face interaction at least, whether someone is being sincere or sinister. It's sad that some people can't always see it that way.

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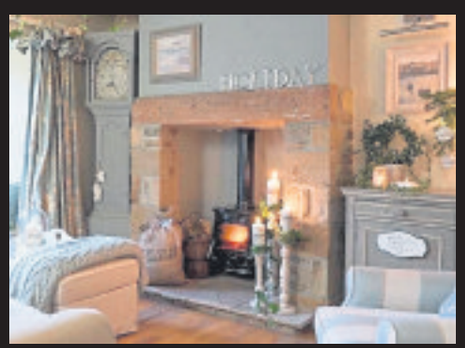

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Officers will no longer go to non-urgent crimes

Velo will return . . . in 2019

Around 15,000 cyclists took part in the 100-mile ride in 2017

THE Birmingham Velo will not be held this year, organisers have announced, after the event divided opinion in Staffordshire and the Black Country.

The event will instead return in 2019, when it will be moved from autumn to spring and see cyclists tackle a different route.

The ride was held for the first time in September but attracted criticism from residents and business owners due to road closures.

Details of next year's route will be announced in the coming months, event organisers said.

Around 15,000 riders took part in the 100-mile route last year, in what is believed to be the UK's second biggest closed-road cycling event ever. It raised £2 million for charity.

STAFFORDSHIRE Police will no longer attend 'non-urgent' crimes such as burglary and public disorder under a shake-up.

From the summer, calls to the 101 number across the county will be diverted to a 'resolution centre' at Hanley police station.

While Staffordshire Police has promised a more speedy response from the current appointment-based system' it will come in the form of speaking over the phone or online to an investigating officer who will gather written, audio and video evidence.

The force says crimes will be dealt with by the call centre if a 'blue light' response is not deemed necessary.

Other incidents which are to be handled by the resolution team include theft, anti-social behaviour, minor road traffic collisions, fraud and forgery.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan said the move would improve emergency response and increase police visibility in communities.

Wait

"The resolution centre will help us improve our service and, in many cases, make it faster for the public," he said.

"By providing a telephone-based response, it's also far more convenient and makes us more responsive to the needs of the public – many of whom want just to speak to an officer rather than wait at home for one to arrive.

"The public should also be clear that where we need to send an officer we will do so, and indeed we expect the resolution centre to enable us to respond better to emergency incidents. It will also enable us to increase the number of community-based police officers, working in neighbourhoods, carrying out preventative work."

The centre launched as a pilot in the north and east of Staffordshire in December. It will be rolled out to the rest of the county by the summer.

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Missing the point on electric cars

MR Fawdrey of Hednesford suggests electric cars are 'hardly practical' but misses the main reason for adopting them – air pollution.

This is a major health hazard, and there are good reasons to believe that many lives will be prolonged in future years if we fully embrace this technology. As regards practicality, I have been driving an electric car since last April, and my experience has been positive.

Thanks to a government grant it cost no more than a comparable petrol or diesel alternative and a free charging point was fitted on our house. There is a long way to go with infrastructure before electric cars can become the norm but little reason to be negative towards them.

DR P WALLER
Rugeley

Cinema visit showed another side to Europe

AT the age of eight my mother took me to the Regal Cinema, Wednesfield.

It was a Saturday morning when everyone went to see the Pathe newsreel as there were no televisions in those days.

The cinema was packed to capacity, mainly with young women, most of them factory workers, and others doing jobs such as driving buses, delivering coal, and doing other manual work because all the men of military age were away fighting with others to defend our island.

The lights dimmed and the newsreel began. It was the liberation of the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. Suddenly the silence was broken by a low moan from the audience.

The war was in its final throes, and the liberation of Europe was well under way, and at the time it began the population welcomed the troops with open arms but it would appear these very people have a short memory.

Why are they so hostile to our small island and its quest for independence in order to control its own borders?

ROBERT WESTWORTH
Rugeley

Will the Post Office deliver on promises?

I READ with interest the Post Office proposals for Whittington, Abbots Bromley and Hammerwich ("Plan to take post office on the road", February 1). While I see that the PO need to provide a reliable service it will be interesting to discover how they intend to share such a service.

The PO have neglected Whittington for many months and have closed down our PO cover without any real notice to its customers leaving many having to travel to Boley Park and with a depleted bus service that operates on the hour it seems that this village is slowly being isolated.

There are better options, I feel, where if agreed a PO could be integrated into the Co-op in Main Street.

TREVOR WHITE
Whittington

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Cadets in 'different' campaign

THIS month, Sea Cadets – a national youth charity with 400 units across the country – is calling on young people aged between 10 and 17 to come on board to see how being a cadet can make a difference to their lives.

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To find out how you can benefit, visit www.sea-cadets.org

CAPT PHIL RUSSELL RN
Sea Cadets

Be careful when future of NHS is being judged

I READ with great interest that Professor Stephen Hawking is taking Jeremy Hunt to court to challenge the introduction of accountable care organisations (ACOs) which some strongly believe will lead to the privatisation of the National Health Service.

People of Cannock should know that Amanda Milling did not sign the early day motion in December 2017 for debate on this subject in parliament and believed it was 'scaremongering to suggest ACOs signalled privatisation of the NHS'.

Sorry, with the Government's lies about the winter performance of the NHS it suggests privatisation is around the corner. I know whose judgment I'd trust between Hunt and Hawking, and it wouldn't be backing Jeremy Hunt.

AARON BATE
Wimblebury

Good to see councillors

IT has been really positive to see the local Labour party out and about in Hednesford. It's about time politics was about face to face contact where I'm being asked what my concerns are about the area and what I would want my district councillor to do about them, rather than them begging for a vote. Sheila Cartwright was very kind and genuine and I hope to see the councillors out more often in the future.

HELEN UPTON
Hednesford

N-ice one! Sandy looks back on Antarctica trip

SOME tough training on Cannock Chase helped prepare Army major Sandy Hennis for an extraordinary journey – across Antarctica as part of a team of six women soldiers using muscle power alone.

The Expedition Ice Maiden team flew back into Heathrow at the weekend after a challenge which saw them face temperatures of -40C and gusts of over 100km an hour in 61 days on the ice, travelling up to 27 miles a day.

They were greeted by friends and family after three months away, including Christmas and New Year, as they celebrated the feat of becoming the first female group to ski cross Antarctica unsupported and unguided.

The team arrive at Heathrow *Picture: @BritishArmy*

Push

Cannock-based Sandy Hennis, a Reservist officer with 37 Signal Regiment based in Redditch, spent countless hours training on the Chase in order to simulate the 80kg pulks (sledges) they took with them across the ice.

During the adventure, members of the team provided a blog.

In one entry towards the end of the trip, Sandy wrote: "We skied longer than our normal 10 hours and worked hard for every extra kilometre. It did mean we crossed into the final degree though. Yay!! My whole body is tired yet I am still willing to push harder. The end is in sight (only 112 km to go) and thoughts of showers, clean clothes and something other than flapjack to eat are driving me forward.

"Looking back on the whole expedition it has very much been a journey of two halves for me. Skiing to the pole, which seems so long ago now, brought me some incredibly low moments. Not only was I struggling physically but I started to struggle mentally as well. It is testament to the strength of our team that they didn't let me lose confidence in myself.

"Since leaving the pole, both before and after the resupply at Thiel, there have been many more highs. I have enjoyed the challenges and at the same time marvelled at the beauty of Antarctica." Sandy, who was the oldest Ice Maiden at 36, had been training since September 2015, including dragging a 4x4 tyre around Cannock Chase.

The group were whittled down to six after 250 applied to take part three years ago. The expedition included studying how their bodies coped with the conditions because there was no previous physiological research on women in extreme environments.

Tough going – Sandy trained by pulling an old Land Rover tyre across Cannock Chase

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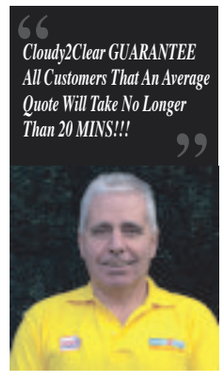

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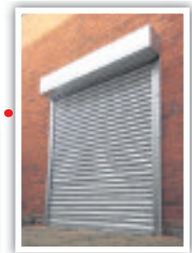

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Deaf/blind horseman requires hi-tech help

A RIDING coach from Cannock requires help to improve a deaf/blind horseman's experience in the saddle.

Richard Brumby, aged 32, of Walsall, was born profoundly deaf and with very limited sight which he lost in his teens. He also has Asperger's Syndrome. Signals are needed to instruct Richard with his riding. However, more technological help is required.

Doug Smith, a former mounted policeman who has coached with Riding for the Disabled (RDA) for more than 20 years, said: "Over the years I have enjoyed coaching several people with visual impairment and was contacted in June 2014 asking if I could help with a deaf/blind rider."

Success

Before inquiries led him to Imperial College, the only choice to help Richard take the reins were 'haptic gloves', which deliver a signal to the hands, but cost thousands of pounds.

Matjaz Ogrinc and Ildar Farkhatdinov, from Imperial, designed and built a Bluetooth-based communication device, which was trialled and proved a great success. It works via a buzzer attached to each arm, wired to a plastic box which sends signals to the rider.

Buoyed by its success, Richard now wants to do more, including riding outside. Doug added: "Unfortunately, the Bluetooth device does not work so well over larger distances. The solution that has been identified is radio control; not the modern digital version but the analogue version (27mhz).

"I do not have the slightest clue of how to create such a set-up and was hoping there may be somebody local who is willing and able to help."

Anyone who can help is asked to call Doug Smith on 07771 915020.

Richard Brumby on horseback – help is needed with his riding

Train passengers unhappy

JUST one third of commuters are satisfied with the value for money of their train journey, new figures show.

Only three out of 10 were satisfied with how train companies deal with delays, with 57 per cent content with the level of crowding, according to the findings by watchdog Transport Focus.

Some 27,000 passengers were surveyed by Transport Focus in autumn 2017, meaning the responses do not take into account the 3.4 per cent average fare rise on January 2, which was the largest increase in five years.

Former regional operator London Midland had 84 per cent overall satisfaction levels. Newcomer West Midlands Railway took over services from London Midland in November.

Transport Focus chief executive Anthony Smith said: "For passengers, it's all about performance."

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Chef gets a taste for national competition

Jordan Dewhurst receives his certificate from Amanda Milling at The Trafalgar

A HEDNESFORD pub chef flew the flag for the Cannock Chase district in a national competition.

Jordan Dewhurst, who works at The Trafalgar pub in Littleworth Road, was nominated as the area's entry in the Pub Chef of the Year contest.

The competition, run by the British Beer & Pub Association and the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group, saw chefs from throughout the country battle it out for the title.

MPs submitted nominations to recognise a pub chef in their constituency who is renowned for their food.

Following a public vote, Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling put forward Jordan to represent her constituency.

"Whilst it is disappointing that Jordan didn't make the final, I was delighted to present him with his certificate to recognise his great pub food," Ms Milling said.

"Jordan was a very worthy entry to fly the flag for Cannock Chase, having been chosen by the public."

Church to help tackle families' finances

A CHURCH is set to run free sessions to help people in Cannock get on top of their household finances.

Members of The Living Springs Community Church, in Girton Road, Cannock, wanted to help their local community to best handle the uncertain economic climate so underwent specialised training.

Now they are offering the short course aimed at putting the joy back into money by teaching people how to chart their household income and take control of their expenditure. Members received their training from UK charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

By Simon Stone

Money coach Graham Cunnington, who will be leading the CAP Money Course, said: "With households feeling the squeeze on their disposable income, we've all got to get a bit more savvy about our money to get through these tough times. If you know how to save and budget effectively, it can have a hugely positive impact on the whole family.

"We hope that we can help people, quietly and confidentially, take control rather than relying on guess work so they can plan for the future."

Living Springs is one of more than 1,000 churches of different Christian traditions in the UK who are regularly offering the course, as they work together to positively impact the communities around them.

The course has been found to be useful for newly retired people, soon-to-be students, parents dealing with mounting bills, and families saving for a wedding. To find out more visit www.capmoneycourse.org and to book a place call 07951 310044.

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A&E wait exceeds four hours for 1 in 3

NEARLY one third of patients had to wait longer than four hours to be dealt with at County Hospital's A&E during December.

It came as the hospital endured one of its worst winters in years. Figures show 68 per cent of people were seen, treated, admitted, transferred or discharged in time during the month.

Bosses at the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust declared that the site at Weston Road, Stafford, was 'full' at the time. It also saw County buck the usual trend of performing worse than its sister hospital Royal Stoke, run by the same trust.

The north Staffordshire site also clearly struggled, dealing with 72 per cent of its patients on time. The nationally set NHS target is 95 per cent. A combined total of 19,743 patients were seen across the two sites in December with 71 per cent dealt with in four hours – the trust's worst performance in nearly four years.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "During December 2017 there was a substantial increase in the number of inpatients at County Hospital with higher care needs. We also had a higher number of medically ready patients waiting to be discharged who were delayed and this had an impact on our ability to admit patients from A&E.

"This severe and sustained pressure remains a significant challenge but we are doing everything we can to ensure patients are seen as quickly as possible."

A spokesman for the Support Stafford Hospital campaign group said: "When the downgrade and removal of services from Stafford was proposed Support Stafford Hospital campaigners were vocal in their condemnation of the proposals."

By Carl Jackson

Music show tribute to American icons

Tracey McAuley, a member of the Legends of American Country Tribute Show line-up

TOE-TAPPING, knee-slapping American country music will be coming to Cannock following last year's success.

The Legends of American Country Tribute Show pays tribute to the legends of country music including icons Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Patsy Cline and Don Williams.

The four-piece band is made up of Joe Moore, James McGarrity, and Rod and Tracey McAuley who will be performing for two hours at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock on February 17 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available now at the box office on 01543 578762 for £19.50.

Companies urged to get wise on new data laws

Star PR looking to future

Agency director Sundeep Sehijpal with Cathy Dobbs, left, and Katie Love

A MIDLAND public relations agency is building for future success after achieving a successful year of growth in 2017.

Star Public Relations has begun its second year of trading by recruiting a new member of staff and landing another account.

Katie Love, from Cannock, joins the agency, which operates out of Telford and Wolverhampton, with 12 years of PR experience working for a mix of local, regional and national clients.

As part of her varied role as PR consultant, Katie will manage client work, research and write press releases, features and other content, and liaise with key media, as well as oversee social media accounts and help organise and manage events.

Star PR is part of the Midland News Association, publisher of the Express & Star and Chronicle series.

The agency's newest client is Glowstone Ltd, which uses the latest in smart and connected technology to optimise everyday products.

Its flagship product is the Glowstone wirelessly heated smart mug.

LOCAL businesses are being invited to a free business breakfast in Cannock to prepare for new data protection changes.

Cannock-based technology business Spartan Global Services and the Chase Chamber of Commerce are joining with Amanda Milling, MP for Cannock Chase, to host the event.

Chris Pattihis of Spartan Global Services said: "The requirements that local businesses will need to comply with are extensive and are a high logistical challenge for any business.

"They also affect any type of business, from manufacturers and service sector businesses, through to landlords and leisure businesses. If you hold personal data including names and addresses, or are part of a wider supply chain, you need to ensure that you are data compliant."

Aware

All UK businesses will be subject to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that comes into force in May 2018.

In order to ensure that business are compliant, it is likely that additional requirements will need to be met and new processes will have to be adopted.

The event is designed to ensure local businesses are aware of what is required of them and help them to be fully prepared for the new regulations.

Ms Milling said: "If you hold, collect, process or store any form of personal data, whether that be names, addresses or contact details, then you are required to be fully GDPR compliant by May 25, 2018."

The breakfast briefing takes place at 8am on Friday, March 2 at The Premier Suite, in Danilo Road, Cannock WS11 1BJ. To register for the event go to https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/spartan-global-services-ltd-amanda-milling-mp-and-chase-chamber-of-commerce-16557194700 or visit www.amandamilling.com

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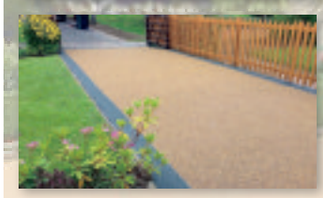

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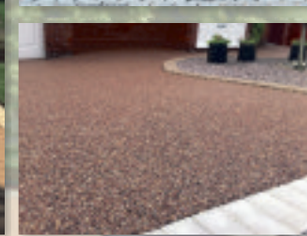

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Half-term tributes to animal heroes

THE National Memorial Arboretum has announced a programme of half-term activities focused on the 75th anniversary of the introduction of the PDSA Dickin Medal which honours the work of animals in war.

Young visitors will have the opportunity to learn the extraordinary stories of four Dickin Medal recipients.

They can pay tribute to the animal heroes they learn about by making their own finger puppet, or they can pay tribute to their own pet by designing and creating a special salt dough animal hero medal. The activities will be available at the Arboretum from February 18 to 25.

Sarah Oakden, head of marketing, said: "The free of charge half-term activities offer the opportunity for younger visitors to engage with the exciting tales of Dickin Medal recipients, allowing them to learn about the importance of remembrance in a fun and engaging way."

Drug dealers who rammed police car given jail terms

Benjamin Bailey

TWO drug dealers from Rugeley who rammed a police car injuring two officers have been jailed.

Police followed Frankie Whitehead and Benjamin Bailey to the Co-op supermarket in Red Brook Lane, Brereton, on November 17 after the pair supplied drugs.

Whitehead reversed into the police car before speeding off and hitting a wall. Both defendants were caught nearby. Cocaine with a street value of £2,500, more than £2,100 in cash and several phones were recovered. Whitehead, aged 25, of Newman Grove, was jailed at Stafford Crown Court for three years and four months for possession with intent to supply cocaine, and an extra six months for dangerous and disqualified driving.

Bailey, 28, of Yew Tree Road, was jailed for three years for possession with intent to supply and an additional four months for committing the offence while being on a suspended sentence. Both had pleaded guilty to the offences.

Frankie Whitehead

Village is the latest to unveil area plan

LONGDON Parish Council has submitted a Neighbourhood Plan to Lichfield District Council, making it the eighth community to reach this stage of the process.

The plan outlines how the area could be shaped in the future and, if approved, it will provide a framework for potential development, which will form part of Lichfield District Council's Local Plan. Lichfield District Council is holding a six-week consultation so local people and organisations can see the Longdon Neighbourhood Plan and give their views. The consultation is running 5pm on Friday, March 9.

Following this, the district council will collate the comments and pass them on to an independent examiner who will consider these along with the Neighbourhood Plan when assessing whether the plan meets national requirements and can proceed to the next stage of the process, which is a referendum within the Neighbourhood Area.

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School puts its merger proposals to the test

THE Hart School is seeking views on a proposal to unite its upper and lower schools on a single site.

The school's leadership team have unveiled plans to create a new, improved learning environment for its 1,200 pupils on the lower school site in Penkridge Bank Road.

Further investment into the site will see the creation of a bespoke sixth form centre, additional classrooms, rooms for interventions and small group work, larger teaching spaces for 'lecture style' teaching delivery, improved dining facilities, including more outdoor eating areas and recreational space, and the redesign of the unused swimming pool building.

Chris Keen – 'the cost of operating two sites is financially challenging'

Better

In a letter to parents, carers and students, Chris Keen, the school's principal, said: "Whilst acknowledging the benefit of running both upper and lower schools, the cost of operating two sites is financially challenging.

"Our resources need to be focused on helping our pupils to succeed, providing more and better resources for their learning, rather than maintaining underused buildings and grounds across two sites."

The proposal is designed to create a fresh and flexible school environment, enabling The Hart School to continue meeting the needs of the growing, local community.

It will also 'eliminate the wear and tear on staff', who currently commute between the two sites, and reduce the school's overall environmental footprint. Mr Keen added: "Overall, The Hart School has stretching goals for its pupils and we believe that the proposal to move onto one site will continue to support all our ambitions."

All parents and interested members of the local community are being urged to take part in the consultation, which will include Q&A sessions, to help shape the next phase of the school's development. People wishing to make a comment or to register interest for the forthcoming events should email feedback@hartschool.org.uk

The Hart School was created two years ago with the merger of Hagley Park and Fair Oak schools. Alan Murphy, chair of the Academy Council, said: "We are continually striving to provide the best education that we possibly can for all of our children.

"This proposal will enable us to provide more opportunities for creativity and 'extra-curricular activities'. The consultation will inform our decision making and we would urge everyone who has an interest in the school to take up the chance to get involved."

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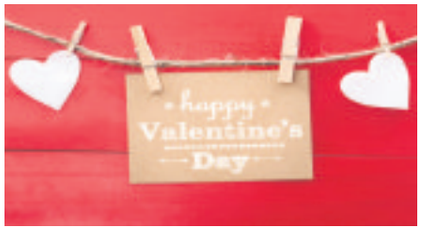

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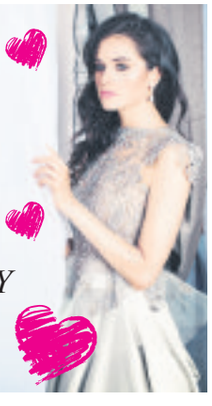

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The show is coming to a theatre near you and Chronicle readers have the chance to win a family ticket, with seven up for grabs. The show is due to stop off at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8.

Richard Lewis once again takes the helm for this new live stage adaptation of eOne's animated TV series which he directs and has adapted for the theatre.

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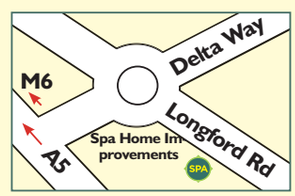

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Flames still roared in the immediate aftermath of the initial fire

At last! End of Slitting Mill blaze saga near

A BLAZE in a waste heap near Rugeley which has been burning underneath the surface for around 18 months can be 'extinguished safely', it has been revealed.

The fire at Oak Tree Farm, Slitting Mill, started in September 2016. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service says it has not been put out sooner due to the risk of contaminating an underground water supply.

However, enough wood had now burned away and it would take only a day to extinguish the flames completely, although the site will be monitored for a short period afterwards, a fire service spokeswoman said.

"The fire has now burnt away sufficient wood waste to leave an amount that can be safely extinguished," she added.

"The overriding issue on this site is the presence of a drinking water aquifer underground.

"The application of very large volumes of water that would have been required to extinguish the amount of waste on fire in 2016 risked contamination of the water course and so the decision was made to cap the fire to allow the combustion to continue whilst minimising the emission of smoke that was a nuisance to local residents.

Firefighters have been regularly posted at Slitting Mill in the last 18 months

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"The amount of fresh water that will need to be used to extinguish the remaining fire will not now present a risk to the aquifer," the spokeswoman added.

"Firefighters are expected to be on scene for one day and will use metal lances to inject water into the heart of the stacks to put out the fires and cool the remaining waste.

"The stacks will then be monitored for a short period using thermal imaging cameras to ensure that the application of water has extinguished the pockets of remaining fire.

"When we are confident the fire has been fully extinguished the responsibility for the site will return to the occupier of the land," the spokeswoman added.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling welcomed the fact that an end was now in sight to the 'saga'.

"The fire has caused major distress for local residents who had to suffer weeks of lingering smoke," she said.

"Tackling and controlling the fire, then managing the stack, has also been a real drain on the fire service's resources, so I am pleased that they are now in the position where they can apply water to the waste via the gaps in the cap and that this long-running saga will soon be coming to an end.

"It is fair to say that this must be one of the longest running fires that has burned in this area," Ms Milling added.

"Residents can be reassured that once this waste is removed from the site, new waste cannot return to the site, as has been the case in the past, because the site is subject to High Court injunctions prohibiting this."

Knitathon for mothers

A KNITATHON will be held in Cheslyn Hay on Monday to support new mothers at a hospital in South Africa. The event in the Lecture Room at Salem Methodist Church in High Street between 8am and 8pm has been organised by The Baby Bear Project, which aims to provide each mother at St Mary's Hospital, in Durban, with a pack of basic items for their newborn baby. Before the project started 10 years ago, mothers were taking their babies home wrapped in newspaper but mothers are now given a pack of essential items for their baby with which to leave hospital.

Beginners can trace family past

BEGINNERS' lessons in tracing family history are being held at Burntwood Library from Wednesday, February 14, from 2pm until 4pm, for three weeks.

The weekly sessions will also be held from 2pm to 4pm from March 14 for three weeks.

Lichfield Library will be hosting lessons from 10am until midday for three weeks starting Thursday, February 15, and 10am until midday for three weeks from March 15.

The lessons will be suitable for beginners and will involve some use of computers.

Further details and advice can be obtained from pam.woodburn@talktalk.net or by ringing 01543 684208.

A further course suitable for intermediate level is also is the pipeline.

Concert with royal connection

Martin Orbidans – talented pianist and organist

BURNTWOOD Music For All welcome former Royal Marines Bandsman and Royal Yacht Britannia resident Martin Orbidans in concert on Thursday, February 14, at 7.30pm.

As usual, the venue will be the Burntwood Memorial Hall, in Rugeley Road, Burntwood.

Orbidans has made something of a name for himself as a very talented pianist and organist as well as being a funny man, trumpet player and all round nice guy.

His Royal Marines brass playing was somewhat usurped when he became pianist to the Queen and members of the Royal Family aboard the famous ship during the late 1980s and 1990s.

His concerts always include lovely stories of that time as well as renditions of marches, show tunes, swing, light classics and his famed party piece of playing trumpet to a pre-recorded backing while appearing from the back of the room.

Billed as true 'Music For All' and a show not to be missed, tickets are £7.50 on the door, there are interval refreshments, a bar, plentiful parking and good disabled access.

More details from Marie Powell on 01530 274270.

Charges could follow cell fires, inmates are told

CRIMINAL charges could be brought against prisoners who deliberately set fire to their cells after firefighters were called out to more than one jail-based arson attack a week last year.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service crews attended prisons 64 times in 2017 including 58 blazes that were started intentionally.

One of the most notorious incidents happened at Featherstone in August when mass disorder broke out, including a fire, which caused £35,000 damage to a wing which had to be closed off causing dozens of inmates to be relocated, some to other prisons around the country.

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said at the time: "Specially trained prison staff in conjunction with local prison officers successfully resolved an incident at HMP Featherstone. There were no injuries to staff or prisoners.

"Those responsible will be referred to the police and could spend longer behind bars." It was one of nine prison fires in the county that month although April saw the most with 14 blazes – nearly one every two days. But since then the fire service said incidents are on a downward trend.

The prison was hit by a blaze causing £35,000 in damage and mass disorder

A scrutiny-and-performance report outlined that this was due to education packages highlighting the risk of fires as well as a smoking ban in prisons.

The Ministry of Justice confirmed that charging inmates who light fires was already an available punishment but stated that every incident was dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

A spokesman said: "There is an internal arbitration process and it is up to the governor what they want to do.

"But incidents are generally dealt with internally.

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Each year, UEG and the National Societies Committee select six to eight emerging clinical scientists as rising stars.

Dr Farmer said: "It is fantastic to have my research recognised in this way and to reflect well on the UHNM research and development department and the wider trust."

Dr Farmer has been invited to speak at UEG Week in Vienna following his award.

Tory MPs fail in their last-ditch bid to stop HS2

HS2 was savaged over design flaws and inefficiency as MPs launched a failed last-ditch bid to block the project. Tories Michael Fabricant, Jeremy Lefroy and Sir Bill Cash were among those to oppose the second phase of the high-speed rail project.

But they were heavily defeated in the Commons last week, with MPs voting 297-14 to pass its second reading. Laying out his opposition to the bill, Lichfield MP Mr Fabricant said that the £56 billion line would not live up to early promises, such as regular trains running between Birmingham and Paris.

He said passengers hoping to get to France from Lichfield would have to switch between various stations and services to get to their final destination.

"So much for a quick and easy journey from the North East down to Paris," he told the Commons. He added that there was a 'blindness about the design of HS2' both from the Government and the Labour frontbench.

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Mr Lefroy, MP for Stafford, said HS2 'certainly will bring benefits to the country, although probably at much more expense than it should and at a huge cost to our constituents'.

● Train services passing through Stafford, Wolverhampton and Sandwell & Dudley will not be forgotten in the wake of HS2, Transport Secretary Chris Grayling has pledged.

He said: "We should provide better commuter links into Birmingham, we should provide better links within the Trent Valley, Nuneaton to Lichfield and up to Stafford. All of these things are things we will be able to do with greater degree in the future."

Low sign of getting stuck under bridge

The lorry wedged under the bridge *Picture: Elliott Hall*

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The Eddie Stobart HGV got stuck under the railway bridge in Upper St John Street, Lichfield. The bridge has become notorious for trapping unsuspecting lorry drivers.

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The fairytale where the ogre is a hero

Ninety minutes. Every day. That's how long make-up artists take to transform Mid-Wales actor Steffan Harri into the nation's favourite ogre – Shrek.

The show is back on the road for an extended run, including shows at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from February 14 to 25.

The performances follow a record-breaking UK and Ireland Tour, during which it earned rave reviews.

Shrek the Musical is based on the story and characters from the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks Animation film.

The hilarious and spectacular production turns the world of fairytales upside down in an all-singing, all-dancing, must-see musical comedy.

Shrek and his loyal steed Donkey set off on a quest to rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona (Laura Main) from her tower, guarded by a fire breathing love-sick dragon.

The fun gets serious with the vertically challenged Lord Farquaad, a gang of fairytale misfits, and a biscuit with attitude, creating an irresistible mix of adventure, laughter and romance that is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages.

Steffan loves it: "I was over the moon to be given the part. I toured with Shrek and was an understood to Lord Farquaad. When I got the call to do the lead role this time, I was playing in Les Miserables. It doesn't get much different from that to this. But I jumped at the opportunity. I was keen not to go back to the part of Farquaad because I'd done that. I thought it would be good to have a go at Shrek this time and a few auditions later they gave me the job. I was over the moon."

He laughs when he remembers how he learned he was going to take the starring role. He was at work and it was about 7pm, half an hour before he was due on stage in Les Miserables in the West End. "It was incredible. I went on stage still buzzing from the news. That show was a bit of a whirlwind. But I do love Shrek the Musical. Not only is the music absolutely brilliant and a pleasure to sing every night, the show also has a book that is so funny and witty."

In some respects, Shrek is like a pantomime. It's designed equally with parents and children in mind – with some gags going over the kids' heads and causing mirth among their parents.

"You're right. It's not just for the kids it's for the adults as well. The dads who are dragged for the Saturday matinee come out laughing because of the Lord Farquaad material. The kids don't really get that."

Steffan is well-versed in the original 2001 Shrek movie, having enjoyed the best-selling computer-animated fantasy based on William Steig's 1990 fairy tale picture book of the same name. He enjoyed the voice overs from Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow – not forgetting the equally enjoyable sequels.

"I'm 26 now so I was about 10 when it came out. I remember quite vividly going to the Welshpool Solar Cinema to watch it. When I got the job, I went back to watch the film. It really is brilliant." Shrek is a real feather in Steffan's cap.

Some day my prince will come – Shrek and Princess Fiona

After all, he's still only 26 and is already leading the line in major touring productions. He learned his trade in a quite backwater, Caereinion, in Mid-Wales, near Welshpool.

"They didn't offer drama at Caereinon High School so I looked elsewhere and Theatr Maldwyn came about in year 7-8. I learned a lot from the three teachers there and that helped me massively. That made me look elsewhere and that's when I decided to do drama and gained a place at the Guildford School of Acting. It was a fantastic school and I had the best three years there learning some fantastic skills. Now I'm out working – and that's when the real learning starts."

Steffan is thoroughly enjoying his career. He's striking out, making a name for himself and taking up opportunities that come his way. "It's great and there's such variety – literally, from Les Miserables to Shrek.

"This part is totally different to everything I've ever done before. I have a 90-minute make-up call every day so that I can be fully transformed with prosthetics. After that, I have to put on the costume and that weighs an additional 45lbs." Once all that is done, he's transformed and ready to play the ogre. He has created his own interpretation of Shrek from scratch, putting his own stamp on it.

The dads who are dragged for the Saturday matinee come out laughing

"It's unusual to go out when you're so heavily made up. After the show, I go out of the stage door onto the street and pass people who've seen the show and they have no idea that it was me. But the anonymity doesn't mean I don't connect with Shrek – I do. OK, so Lord Farqaad steals a few scenes, but Shrek is completely believable. He has to be."

Life is moving quickly for Steffan and he's looking forward to starring at a major theatre in Birmingham so early into his career.

"I never thought I'd be leading a show at the age of 26. It's a great honour and I've very fortunate to them for giving me the opportunity. But there's a lot more that I'd like to do. I'd love to do straight drama and TV as well. I've done a bit of TV back in Wales on S4C and I would love doing more and see where it takes me. I'd like to work again in London again too. Working and being happy and healthy is as much as I can ask for and I'm very grateful that I have these opportunities."

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Inheaven – turbocharged riffs

Indie rock fans will be Inheaven for arts centre gig

SOUTH London indie rockers Inheaven bring their turbocharged riffs to Wolverhampton's Newhampton Arts Centre (NAC) on Tuesday.

The quartet built around the instant hooks and striking vocals of guitarist James Taylor and bassist Chloe Little were snapped up by the Cult Records label, run by The Strokes' Julian Casablancas.

Their self-titled debut album was released last September including the single Regeneration.The band have since released an acoustic EP and a new track for the new year, Sweet Dreams Baby.

There's another major indie rock night at the NAC, on Dunkley Street, next Friday, February 16, when one of Birmingham's top bands, JAWS, top a triple bill also featuring Synthetic Recipe and Tinned Astronaut.

Gigs tonight (Thursday) include Nightmares on Wax at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath in support of new album Shape The Future, and satirical rockers Half Man Half Biscuit with The Humdrum Express at the Robin 2 in Bilston.

Got those cigar box guitar blues

Smethwick guitar maker and musician John Wormald – aka Chickenbone John, The Godfather of The Cigar Box Guitar – is back again with Boxstock, the UK Cigar Box Guitar Festival.

Following the success of last year's event at the Slade Rooms, the festival returns to the Wolverhampton venue for more homemade blues-busting guitar on Saturday.

In a time when money's too tight to mention, just like the old days, some hard-up musicians have gone back to the traditional approach of literally making their own entertainment by making their own instruments.

Seasick Steve helped bring this humble instrument to worldwide attention. As he doesn't do many UK dates these days, here's an opportunity to catch some real roots music on your own doorstep.

Heading the bill are Blackriver Bluesman and Bad Mood Hudson, a heavy metal duo all the way from Finland. After being the success of last year's event, the festival has brought back the Dusk Brothers from Bristol and super-busker Bemuzic from Cambridge.

During the daytime Chickenbone John, pictured, will be leading workshops on how to make cigar box guitars and powerhouse one-man band Hollowbelly will be leading sessions on how to play the cigar box guitar.

During these daytime sessions there will also be plenty of traders selling their handmade instruments, plus open mic sessions for those who feel ready to perform.

It's also an ideal way to find out more about the alt-blues music scene.

Tickets for the evening gig are £14 but admission is free at the Slade Rooms from noon to 5.30pm.

Ballet is a beauty in the Russian style

The curse of a wicked fairy means a beautiful princess falls into an enchanted sleep which can only be broken by a prince's kiss. Enter the opulent world of Imperial Russia for one of the grandest ballets with a score by Tchaikovsky and choreography by Marius Petipa. The Sleeping Beauty is a highlight from the Birmingham Royal Ballet repertoire on a par with The Nutcracker. The Sleeping Beauty is at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday, February 24.

Comedy nights with reality TV bridegroom

There's a funny week coming up with several top comedians in the area. Canadian stand-up Bobby Mair, as seen on Russell Howard's Good News and 8 Out Of 10 Cats, is at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms tomorrow night (Friday). Last year Bobby – apparently a distant cousin to Justin Beiber – featured on a reality TV show about his wedding to fellow comic Harriet Kemsley. Bobby And Harriet Get Married was shown on the Viceland channel. Bobby will be back in the region at Bromsgrove Artrix on February 17 and Birmingham Glee Club on March 9.

Next Thursday (Feb 15) Alun Cochrane is at the Slade Rooms. A TV regular, Alun is also co-host of The Frank Skinner Show on Absolute Radio.

The master of puns and one-liners Milton Jones is at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham on Sunday.

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Brenda Emmanus

Charles I's Treasures Reunited (BBC2, 9pm)

His merits as a monarch may have been called into question (to put it mildly), but Charles I did have an impressive eye for a painting, acquiring pieces by the finest artists of the past, including D˙rer, Rubens, Titian and Holbein, and commissioning works from leading contemporary artists such as Van Dyck and Rubens. Following his execution in 1649, his collection was sold off by Cromwell and scattered across Europe. Charles II reclaimed some pieces, but others went on to be shown in museums across the world. Now for the first time since the 17th century, the key masterpieces have been reunited and are on display at the Royal Academy. Brenda Emmanus presents.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Live Winter Olympics 2018. Coverage of day one from PyeongChang, South Korea. **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live Winter Olympics 2018. Continued coverage of day one from PyeongChang, South Korea. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** And They're Off for Sport Relief.

6.25 Pointless Celebrities. Sarah Millican, Gary Delaney, Jack Carroll, Terry Alderton, Lee Hurst, Arthur Smith, Helen Lederer and Cariad Lloyd take part in a comedy-themed edition of the unorthodox quiz show.

7.15 All Together Now. Rob Beckett hosts as more singers step on-stage for a chance to win a £50,000 cash prize, performing hits as varied as Sia's Chandelier, Oasis's Don't Look Back in Anger, and Whitney Houston's I Wanna Dance with Somebody. The judging panel takes the form of "The 100", a large collective of music experts and performers from all over the UK.

8.20 Casualty. The day of Blake's trial arrives, and Elle finds herself face-to-face with his victim, Miles, when he is rushed into the ED after collapsing at home.

9.10 BBC News; Weather.

9.30 Hard Sun. Grace Morrigan is apprehended by the police and brought in for questioning. Determined to keep themselves and their loved ones from harm's way, Hicks and Renko come up with a scheme that will turn Morrigan's government colleagues against her, but the veteran spook refuses to let herself be outmanoeuvred so easily. Meanwhile, a woman's car is found abandoned near a meadow, with what appears to be a suicide note left on the dashboard. Last in the series.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal and Manchester City v Leicester City.

11.50 Live Winter Olympics 2018. Radzi Chinyanganya presents coverage of the latest events on day two of the 23rd staging of the Games.

2.00 Live Winter Olympics 2018. Further coverage from PyeongChang, South Korea.

BBC2

6.00 Live Winter Olympics 2018. Coverage of day one from PyeongChang, South Korea. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Live Winter Olympics 2018. Continued coverage of day one from PyeongChang, South Korea. **1.15** The Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** Italy's Invisible Cities. (R) **4.00** Nigel Slater's Middle East. (R) **5.00** Dragons' Den. (R)

6.00 Hugh's Wild West. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's tour of the West Country continues as he explores the Forest of Dean. He enlists the aid of local wildlife enthusiasts to track down imposing wild boar, which have returned to the area for the first time in 300 years. He also has a close encounter with a goshawk, a bird of prey that specialises in hunting in woodland, and one that has come to be known locally as "the phantom of the forest".

7.00 Winter Olympics – Today at the Games. Clare Balding presents highlights of the opening day's action from the 23rd staging of the Games, which takes place in PyeongChang, South Korea.

8.00 Dad's Army. A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea. (R)

8.30 Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs. Paul Murton explores lochs close to the Central Belt, starting on the banks of the Lake of Menteith and ending by climbing Ben Venue in the Trossachs. Last in the series.

9.00 Charles I's Treasures Reunited. Documentary detailing how the Royal Academy reunited works of art that once formed part of Charles I's substantial collection, but were sold off piecemeal following his execution.

10.00 Film: The Young Victoria. (2009) In the early years of the queen's reign, she is drawn into a power struggle and falls in love with her cousin and eventual husband. Period drama, with Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend.

11.35 Film: Love Is All You Need. (2012) A Danish woman recovering from treatment for cancer falls in love with the widowed father of her daughter's fiance. Romantic drama, with Pierce Brosnan and Trine Dyrholm.

1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.30** BBC News.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** Dancing on Ice. (R) **1.15** Regional Programme : Weather.**1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 2.15pm). **4.20** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v Wales (Kick-off 4.45pm).

7.00 Take Me Out. Paddy McGuinness presents as more single men enter his "Love Lift" in the hope of impressing his panel of 30 unattached ladies. This time, Josh, a fitness fanatic from Woking, Dan, a volcanologist from Bristol, HR manager Martin from Sunderland, and Tai, an NHS worker from Birmingham will be hoping to find romance. Plus, a chance to catch up with last week's couples.

8.15 The Voice UK. Emma Willis ushers more would-be stars onto the stage, as the penultimate round of Blind Auditions arrives. Once again, the singers will be asked to perform in front of coaches Will.i.am, Olly Murs, Jennifer Hudson and Tom Jones, who all must appraise their skills with their backs to the performer. Only once they have decided to pledge their support are the coaches permitted to spin their chair around greet the singer in question.

9.45 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon challenges Jimmy Carr, Eamonn Holmes and Scarlett Moffatt to guess which celebrity homes he has infiltrated.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 Film: Lethal Weapon 2. (1989) The detectives set their sights on a South African diplomat laundering drugs money via his embassy in the US. Action thriller sequel, with Mel Gibson, Danny Glover and Joss Ackland.

1.00 You've Been Framed! (R) **1.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Coast vs Country. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.30** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **5.35** The Supervet. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales return to Wales to explore a canal that has eluded them for more than half a century. The Monmouthshire and Brecon canal is cut off from the rest of Britain's network of waterways by the Black Mountains, and meanders its way through the tranquil Usk valley. Along the way the couple visit the old ironworks at Blaenavon, where children as young as five were once put to work, and lend a hand with some lock restoration work. They also explore the castle at Tretower – which is rumoured to be haunted. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Village of the Year Final with Penelope Keith. The four remaining villages compete in the grand final, with residents of each community putting on a special event to showcase what makes their home special. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: Die Hard 4.0. (2007) Tough New York cop John McClane is sent to escort a computer hacker to Washington for questioning. During this routine operation he stumbles on a criminal mastermind's plan to launch a technological terrorist attack on the US, and is forced to enlist the hacker's aid in foiling the evil scheme. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis, Timothy Olyphant, Justin Long and Maggie Q.

11.35 Film: Ted. (2012) A boy's magical living teddy remains his friend into adulthood, creating tension with his girlfriend. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg, with the voice of Seth MacFarlane.

1.25 The Last Leg. (R) **2.20** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.25** Coast vs Country. (R) **5.20** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** The A-Team. (R) **2.00** The A-Team. (R) **3.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.00** Rich House, Poor House. (R)

6.00 The Wonderful World of Puppies. The documentary concludes, offering an insight into the final stages of a puppy's early development. This time, the focus falls on how fun, engaging activities help young canines to improve their ability to learn – and their general state of happiness. Last in the series.

7.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald: Caribbean. The singer embarks on a series of ocean odysseys, and while she is no stranger to the open sea, having found fame on 1998 BBC TV documentary The Cruise, the mega-cruiser she boards is a far cry from the 600-passenger vessel she is used to. In the opening edition, she and her fellow passengers stop off in Nassau in the Bahamas, where Jane finds solace in the state's oldest baptist church. (R)

8.00 The World's Most Luxurious Cruise Ship. Part one of two. Following engineers and designers as they construct the liner Seven Seas Explorer, aiming to make it the most luxurious ship in the world of its size. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Queens Park Rangers and Barnsley v Sheffield Wednesday.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including AFC Wimbledon v Northampton Town and Bradford City v Bury.

10.30 Film: The Silence of the Lambs. (1991) A trainee FBI agent engages in a battle of wills with an imprisoned psychopath to gain his help in catching a serial killer. Thriller, starring Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins.

12.40 SuperCasino. **3.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Scientists. (R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **8.00** Winter Olympics Extra **9.00** Modus **10.30** The Fall: The Wonderful and Frightening World of Mark E Smith **11.30** Top of the Pops: 1985 **12.35** Rock 'n' Roll Guns for Hire: The Story of the Sideman **2.05** Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **3.05** Close

ITV2

11.55 Take Me Out **1.10** Mr Bean **1.45 Film:** Beethoven (1992) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55 Film:** Beethoven (1992) **3.30 Film:** Valentine's Day (2010) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50 Film:** Valentine's Day (2010) **5.55 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00 Film:** The Hangover Part II (2011) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** The Hangover Part II (2011) **11.05** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **1.00** Release the Hounds **2.00** Ibiza Weekender **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.15 A Touch of Frost **1.25 Film:** Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) **3.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.00** Midsomer Murders **7.00** The Durrells **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** The Good Karma Hospital **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

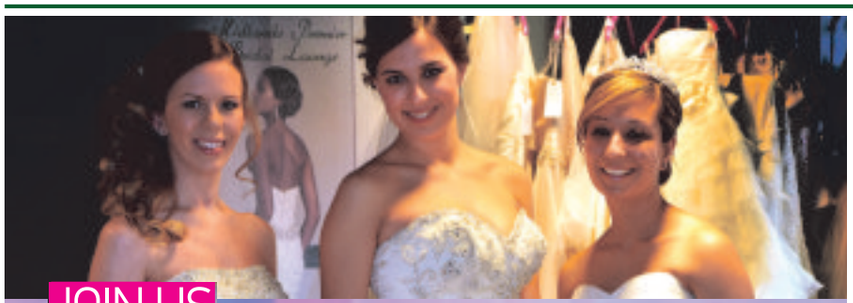
11.35 Fishing Impossible **12.35** Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newbury. Coverage of today's meetings at Newbury and Warwick. **4.00 Film:** Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **6.15** Storage Wars **6.45** Live Snooker Shoot-Out. Coverage of the third day's play at the single-frame tournament. **11.00 Film:** Green Zone (2010) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Green Zone (2010) **1.15** Minder **2.20** The Car Chasers **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 The Goldbergs **1.30** Toy Story Toons: Partysaurus Rex **1.40** The Big Bang Theory **6.45 Film:** The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00 Film:** Riddick (2013) **11.20** Gogglebox **12.30** Naked Attraction **1.30** Celebs Go Dating **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **5.05** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 Catch That Kid (2004) **1.00** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **2.45** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **4.35** Volcano (1997) **6.35** I, Robot (2004) **9.00** The Other Woman (2014) **11.10** The Fly (1986) **1.00** Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon (2013) **3.45** Close



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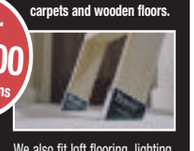

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Tom Garrison

Lost Pyramids of the Maya (Channel 4, 8pm)

The Mayan civilisation is now sadly consigned to the history books, but its legacy resonates strongly within our own to this day – whether it's elements of architecture still found within Mexico and Central America, ancient prehispanic sites scattered throughout the region, or in the plotlines of Hollywood movies (for some reason we're preoccupied with misinterpreted Mayan prophecies of armageddon). This documentary utilises exclusive access to the results of a huge scientific research project to learn more about the ancient civilisation, revealing fascinating insights into a people who remained largely hidden within the jungles, and transforming everything we thought we knew about the Maya.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** BBC News; Weather. **12.30** Live Winter Olympics 2018. Coverage of day two from PyeongChang, South Korea. **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v France (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Celebrity Mastermind. (R)

6.05 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Matt Baker visit Cambridgeshire, where a project is underway to turn a quarry into a safe reed bed habitat for one of the UK's rarest birds, the bittern. Richard Taylor-Jones witnesses a spectacular display of wildlife, Adam Henson meets a young farmer in the New Forest, and Tom Heap discovers how Bill gates is making the most of British agricultural expertise.

7.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville goes to Scarborough hoping to catch up with Mavis, and leaves Leroy in charge of the shop – which soon has an unconscious customer on the floor. Last in the series.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Sister Julienne helps a woman from Pakistan who is unable to have children, but who has found to her shock that her husband is bringing a pregnant second wife into their home.

9.00 McMafia. Alex travels to Moscow on business, unaware of the danger he is rushing into. He has only one way to save himself as he faces a final showdown with Vadim. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action – Newcastle United v Manchester United, Southampton v Liverpool and Huddersfield Town v Bournemouth.

11.35 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.

12.10 Live Winter Olympics 2018. Coverage of day three from PyeongChang, South Korea. **3.30** Live Winter Olympics 2018. Continued coverage of day three from PyeongChang, South Korea.

BBC2

6.00 Live Winter Olympics 2018. Coverage of day two from PyeongChang, South Korea. **9.15** Live Winter Olympics 2018. Coverage of day two from PyeongChang, South Korea. **12.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **2.00** Food & Drink. (R) **2.30** Back in Time for Tea. (R) **3.30** The Crane Gang. (R) **4.30** Live Winter Olympics 2018. Coverage of day two from PyeongChang, South Korea.

6.00 New York: America's Busiest City. Anita Rani, Ade Adepitan, Ant Anstead and Dan Snow look at food consumption in the Big Apple. From dusk until dawn at the New Fulton fish market in The Bronx, they uncover the hidden night time operations, hard-nosed negotiations and price fluctuations of this enormous wholesale operation. (R)

7.00 Winter Olympics – Today at the Games. Clare Balding presents highlights of the second day's action from the 23rd staging of the Games, which takes place in PyeongChang, South Korea.

8.00 South Korea: Earth's Hidden Wilderness. Documentary exploring the wildlife, traditions and landscape in the country's rural areas, including footage of dolphins swimming alongside humans and a falconer flying a goshawk.

9.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assess the profit-making potential of selling advertising space on the move, a scheme for improving children's handwriting, and a motorcycle chain-tensioning product.

10.00 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)

10.30 Live at the Apollo. Nish Kumar presents stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo in west London, introducing sets by Luisa Omielan and David O'Doherty. (R)

11.15 Cleverman. Koen's power and understanding grows as he spends time with Uncle Jimmy, while Waruu discovers a dangerous creature and is led to a substance he believes can vanquish the Cleverman.

12.10 Women's Six Nations Highlights. **12.40 Film:** The Deep. (2012) **2.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.10** BBC News.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel's Avengers: Ultron Revolution. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** River Monsters. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **11.25** The Voice UK. (R) **12.55** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. (R) **1.30** What Would Your Kid Do? (R) **2.30** The Cruise: Return to the Mediterranean. (R) **3.00** Britain's Brightest Family. (R) **3.30** Tipping Point. (R) **4.30** Regional Programme ; Weather. **4.40** ITV News; Weather. **5.00** The Celebrity Chase. (R)

6.00 Dancing on Ice. Love Week arrives at the rink, just in time for St Valentine's Day. Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Jason Gardiner and Ashley Banjo once more take their places on the judging panel, as Holly Willoughby and Philip Schofield welcome the eight remaining celebrities and their pro-skater partners back out onto the ice.

8.00 Endeavour. Oxford plays host to a veteran film star, in town to visit a local cinema. However, a mysterious death casts a sinister pall over the occasion, and offers the newly promoted DS Endeavour Morse a fresh case to pursue. Meanwhile, a family visit puts DCI Thursday's hospitality to the test. Inspector Morse prequel, starring Shaun Evans and Roger Allam.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.10 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)

11.05 Six Nations Highlights. Action from the second round of the championship, featuring Ireland v Italy at the Aviva Stadium, England v Wales at Twickenham and Scotland v France at Murrayfield.

12.00 Next of Kin. (R) **1.35** Jackpot247. **3.00** Take on the Twisters. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35 Film:** School of Rock. (2003) Comedy, starring Jack Black. **4.45 Film:** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer. (2007) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Ioan Gruffudd.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Posh Pawn. The return of the programme offering an insight into the world of high-end pawnbroking. James takes a ride around London in an eye-catching supercar, with an aspiring fitness guru who's looking for £80,000. With her eyes on a round-the-world cruise costing £30,000, an adventurous retiree wants to sell a collection of handbags and jewellery. A car enthusiast contacts memorabilia expert Lawrence about a helmet that once belonged to land speed record-breaker Donald Campbell, and James faces a dilemma when he gets an offer for one of his favourite impulse buys. (R)

8.00 Lost Pyramids of the Maya. Documentary following a research project that has uncovered the ruins of an ancient hidden civilisation in the jungles of Central America.

9.00 Film: Spy. (2015) Premiere. A deskbound CIA agent provides valuable background support for a dashing secret agent, but has never gone into action herself. Everything changes, when the spy mysteriously vanishes, and she leaps into action to take his place, infiltrating the inner circle of a ruthless arms dealer and trying to avert a global catastrophe. Comedy adventure, starring Melissa McCarthy.

11.25 Film: Friends with Benefits. (2011) A recruiter sleeps with one of her client's staff, but keeping their feelings out of the arrangement proves tricky. Romantic comedy, starring Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis.

1.25 The World's Most Expensive Food. (R) **2.20** The Supervet. (R) **3.15** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms. (R) **4.10** Gillette World Sport. **4.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **5.05** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Mofy. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **6.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.35** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.45** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.10** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.45** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.15** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45 Film:** Over Her Dead Body. (2008) Supernatural romantic comedy, starring Eva Longoria. **2.30 Film:** What to Expect When You're Expecting. (2012) Comedy drama, starring Cameron Diaz. **4.25** 5 News Weekend. **4.30 Film:** Sleepless in Seattle. (1993) Romantic comedy, with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. **5.30** 5 News Update. **5.35 Film:** Sleepless in Seattle. (1993) Concluded.

6.30 Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) An obsessive man's orderly routine is thrown into disarray when a wildly spontaneous old friend walks back into his life. Romantic comedy, with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. Edited for language and sexual content.

8.00 Rom-Com LOL Special. Iain Lee narrates a collection of internet videos featuring weddings. (R)

9.00 Britain's Favourite Rom-Com. As St Valentine's Day approaches, a selection of film stars, comedians and TV personalities revisit some of cinema's most memorable romantic comedies, via a top 40 list interspersed with personal accounts of first loves. Celebrating the unique way this particular genre gets audiences laughing and crying in equal measure, and among the actors sharing their thoughts on the films are Sleepless in Seattle's Rita Wilson, and Gregory's Girl star Clare Grogan.

11.55 Film: There's Something About Mary. (1998) A lovesick man hires a seedy detective to track down his high-school sweetheart. Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz.

2.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Scientists. (R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Winter Olympics Extra **9.00** Horizon: Mars – A Traveller's Guide **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30 Film:** Mia Madre (2015) **12.15** Sings Musicals **1.15** Horizon: Mars – A Traveller's Guide **2.15** Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection **3.15** Close

ITV2

12.00 Take Me Out **1.20** The Voice UK **2.50 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **4.35 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.40 Film:** Jurassic World (2015) **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45 Film:** Jurassic World (2015) **9.00** Survival of the Fittest **10.30** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.15 Film: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** The Durrells **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **11.00 Film:** Changeling (2008) **1.45** Blue Murder **3.00** George and Mildred **3.55** Road to Avonlea **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.45 Live Snooker Shoot-Out. Coverage of the afternoon session in the fourth and final day's play. **4.00** Pawn Stars **5.45** Live Snooker Shoot-Out. Further coverage of the fourth day's play at the single-frame tournament. **10.00 Film:** Executive Decision (1996) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Executive Decision (1996) **12.45** Minder **2.35** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 The Goldbergs **12.30 Film:** Casper (1995) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00 Film:** Men in Black (1997) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Naked Attraction **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Gogglebox **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **2.05** Naked Attraction **3.00** First Dates Abroad **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **1.00** Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) **3.10** The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959) **4.50** Evolution (2001) **6.50** Last Holiday (2006) **9.00** 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (2016) **11.50** Limitless (2011) **1.55** Enough Said (2013) **3.45** Close

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

The Deadly Twin, Channel 5, 3.20pm
Premiere. A woman springs into action after discovering that the twin brother of her daughter's boyfriend has escaped from a psychiatric institution intent on revenge. Thriller, starring Brigid Brannagh, Timothy Granaderos and Calista Carradine. (2017)

TUESDAY

Fatal Fiance, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman joins forces with a reporter to clear the name of her fiance, who has becomes the prime suspect in a murder case. However, not everything is as it seems. Thriller, starring Jenny Wade, Jordi Vilasuso and Taylor Cole. (2016)

WEDNESDAY

Water for Elephants, Channel 4, 1.25am
A veterinary student is left homeless and penniless after his parents' deaths during the Depression. He joins a travelling circus, applying his skills to caring for the animals, and falls in love with the possessive owner's wife as they tend an elephant together. Romantic drama based on Sara Gruen's novel, with Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson. (2011)

Water for Elephants, Wednesday, Channel 4,1.25am

THURSDAY

A Husband's Confession, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Preacher Evan Tanning's peaceful life as a radio parenting advisor is shattered when the son he never knew he had turns up on his doorstep, jeopardising his credibility ahead of the nationwide launch of his show. However, events take an even more catastrophic turn when Tanning's wayward teenage niece Jamie goes missing. Drama, starring JR Bourne and Allie Gonino. (2015)

FRIDAY

Magic Mike, Channel 4, 12.10am
A male stripper who is the star attraction in a nightclub teaches a talented young dancer the tricks of the trade, while also introducing him to his hedonistic world. The veteran performer falls for his protege's sister, but finds his wild lifestyle comes between them. Steven Soderbergh's comedy drama, with Channing Tatum and Olivia Munn. (2012)

Perez has a new case to crack on an old murder

We know what you're thinking – not ANOTHER crime drama.

After all, TV isn't exactly short of them, whether they're home grown or being imported from the US or, as is more likely these days, Europe.

There's no wonder that the recent National Television Awards introduced a category dedicated to them – there are just so many being made these days.

Two of them have been inspired by the books of Ann Cleeves. Vera recently ended its more recent run on ITV, and now Shetland is back for its fourth series, two years on from its predecessor.

Although born and raised in England, Cleeves knows the place well, having lived there; she's currently living in Whitley Bay, close to where her Vera books are set.

Some fans have complained that the TV plots don't follow the exact pattern of her novels, but she's relaxed about that.

"The TV adaptations are very often very different - the scriptwriters cut some characters and add others, cut big chunks of plot and sometimes they even change the murderer!," she laughs.

"But prose and film are different forms. Besides, the book stops being mine every time someone reads it. Each reader brings their own imagination, history and prejudice to the story and each writer has to learn to let go. Adaptation just takes the process a bit further."

One of the secrets of Shetland's success is its far north setting – the isles themselves are almost a character in their own right.

"I think the viewers are naturally drawn to the place, the setting and curious about what Shetland is like," explains Douglas Henshall, who plays the lead character, DI Jimmy Perez. "And, beyond the location, it's a well written drama which draws you in."

This time around, fans of the books don't need to worry about a favourite story being torn apart by a screenwriter, because this time, it's a completely original tale that runs throughout the six-part series.

"David Kane has created a compelling and distinctive crime story told across six hours. We are also thrilled to have the brilliant core cast return," says executive producer Kate Bartlett.

Her colleague Gaynor Holmes adds: "Shetland has a loyal following and we're sure they will be thrilled with the surprises we've got for them this time around."

The plot focuses on local man Thomas Malone, who has spent the past 23 years behind bars after being found guilty of murdering teenager Lizzie Kilmuir. Malone has always protested his innocence, and when his conviction is eventually overturned, it's up to Perez and the team to find out what really happened to Lizzie.

Perez speaks to the original investigating officer, Drew McColl. Now retired, he has plenty to say about the case, and explains why, despite DNA evidence to the contrary, he still believes Malone is guilty.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Douglas Henshall stars in Shetland, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Trauma
ITV, 9pm
New series. After a bad day at work, Dan Bowker arrives home drunk to discover that his 15-year-old son Alex has not come home and no-one knows where he is. Meanwhile, off-duty trauma surgeon Jon Allerton is at home celebrating his birthday when he is called into work to operate on Alex, who has been stabbed. When the medical team is unable to save Alex, Dan cannot let go of the idea that the surgeon is responsible for the death of his son. Thriller, starring Adrian Lester and John Simm, with Rowena King and Lyndsey Marshal

Julius Caesar Revealed
BBC1, 9pm
The classicist sets out on a quest to uncover the real Julius Caesar, challenging the received popular view of the Roman emperor. She looks at how he become the autocratic ruler of Rome, the tactics of his military campaigns, his use of spin and PR on his way to the top, and the reasons behind his assassination on the Ides of March in 44 BC. The scholar also examines his surprising legacy right up to the present day, revealing how his influence is still shaping language, politics and people's everyday lives.

TUESDAY

Flatpack Empire
BBC2, 9pm
Cameras continue to roam the boardrooms and warehouses of one of Sweden's most successful exports since Abba. This week, one of IKEA's newest designers, Hanna-Kaarina Heikkila, wants to challenge mass production by creating an 'imperfect vase' that has the finger-marks of its creator. There's also a visit to the home of the Billy Bookcase to see what it takes to be a supplier for IKEA.

WEDNESDAY

Earth's Natural Wonders
BBC1, 9pm
New series. Cameras explore some of the most breathtaking places on earth, following the lives of some of the people who call these extraordinary places home. In the first episode, cameras follow Yak-herder Thokmay Lowa as he leads his herd through one of the most treacherous mountain passes in the high Himalaya. Elsewhere, the programme follows members of Inuit communities in the Canadian Arctic as they take part in the hazardous mussel harvest, and people in Siberia searching for mammoth tusks, now released from the Siberian Permafrost after thousands of years.

Damned
Channel 4, 10pm
Channel 4 recently caused a stir with the acclaimed drama Kiri, especially over its portrayal of a social worker, played by Sarah Lancashire, who found herself in the firing line when a child in her care went missing. But that hasn't stopped the channel returning to the subject as Jo Brand's comedy about social workers is back for a second series. The run certainly feels topical as the team at Elm Heath find themselves dealing with a case of historic abuse. So, it's not a great time for Denise (Georgie Glenn) to bring Mimi (Lolly Adefope) into the fold, especially as newly single Al (Alan Davies) and a permanently stressed Rose (Brand) are too busy to mentor her.

Trauma, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY

Children Who Kill
ITV, 9pm
Juveniles found guilty of murder in the US are given life, with no chance of parole – a hardline approach that in 2015 prompted the American Supreme Court to rule such sentences as 'unconstitutional'. With the system now under review, Susanna Reid travels to the US and talks to young killers about their crimes and life in jail. Susanna also meets the families of victims, to ask how they feel about a possible change to American's approach to juvenile sentencing.

FRIDAY

Requiem
BBC1, 9pm
Aron Morgan lodges a complaint against Matilda for harassing Davey, and the police are unmoved by Matilda showing them what she believes is a clue to Carys' disappearance. Rose is pushed to breaking point as old wounds are reopened, Ed gets jittery as Trudy gives him the cold shoulder, and Graves becomes increasingly suspicious that he's hiding something. Sylvia reveals the peculiar ancestry of the Dean family, Hal identifies the source of the eerie music on the audiotapes, and Trudy remembers a crucial detail about the day Carys vanished. Psychological thriller, starring Lydia Wilson.

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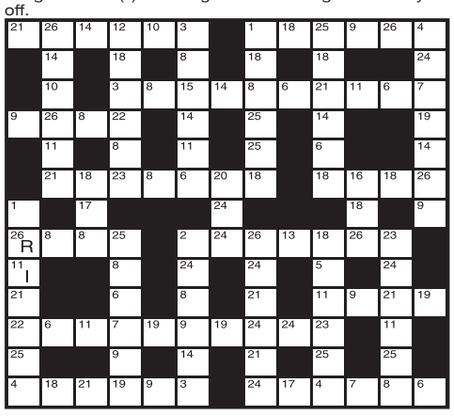

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Double Crossword

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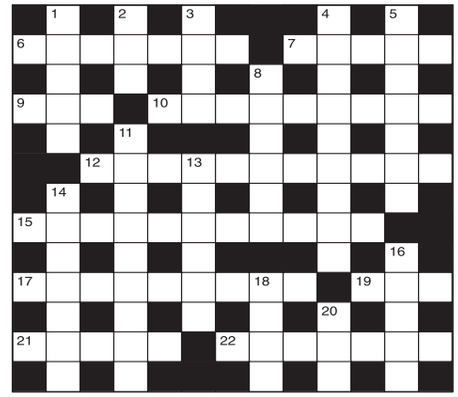

Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Keeps earth-bound for certain reason (7)
7. Topless figure with a tan? (5)
9 & 19Ac. Vegetable to decay at the back of the vehicle (6)
10. Decree one should be encircled by heavy artillery (9)
12. One man went to mow! (11)
15. Where a man keeps his capital and his secrets! (5,3,3)
17. Could it show the force of a testament? (9)
19. See 9 Across.
21. What directors do for the farm animal (5)
22. Uneasiness if sea-mail goes astray (7)

Down

1 & 16Dn. Retarding mechanism faulty, we hear - manage to escape (5,5)
2. See 20 Down
3. German flower produces a certain fragrance, one hears! (4)
4. I'm having a preference for being unbiased (9)
5. See 13 Down.
8. America is after the record for this event (6)
11. Hospital attendants in whom discipline reposes (9)
13 & 5Dn. Pedagogue chose the carol, maybe (6,7)
14. Yet an alteration about a football team causes concern (7)
16. See 1 Down
18. Angela Nolan could show impetuosity (4)
20 & 2Dn. Display to put down in the open air (6)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Pagan (7)
7. Faithful (5)
9. Grow older (3)
10. Indiscreet (9)
12. Of inferior quality (6-5)
15. Foot soldiers (11)
17. Unceasing (9)
19. Snoop (3)
21. Sharp (5)
22. Amaze (7)

Down

1. Simulate (5)
2. Pig pen (3)
3. Judge (4)
4. Venetian boatman (9)
5. Serious (7)
8. Weekday (6)
11. Lay waste (9)
13. Trip (6)
14. Bill (7)
16. Salt water (5)
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20. Decay (3)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Bare necessity; 8 Idolatry; 9 Emma; 10 Tender; 12 Letter; 14 Writer; 16 Strips; 18 Idle; 20 Transact; 22 Carried the day. Down: 1 Landseer; 2 Sealed; 3 Beat; 4 Recycles; 5 Ascent; 6 Stem; 11 Rarities; 13 Especial; 15 Theory; 17 Rasped; 19 Dead; 21 Acts.
QUICK - Across: 7 Reprehensible; 8 Composer; 9 Gone; 10 Frolic; 12 Preach; 14 Adjoin; 16 Decent; 18 Epic; 20 Inwardly; 22 Comprehensive. Down: 1 Devoured; 2 Propel; 3 Thus; 4 Intrepid; 5 Single; 6 Flan; 11 Consider; 13 Conclave; 15 Occupy; 17 Caress; 19 Poor; 21 Weep.

Quiz

1. What was the first Viscount Montgomery of Alamein's first name?
2. Which post did David Owen hold in the Labour Government from 1977-1979?
3. The best-known form of which game is called 8-ball?
4. Which actor played Lord Bellamy in Upstairs, Downstairs?
5. Which condition was also called the king's evil?
6. Which comic actor's first talking film was Monsieur Verdoux?
7. What, in 1959, became the City of London's first new theatre in 200 years?
8. What is the name of the 2-day holiday at the start of the Jewish New Year?
9. Who was Queen Elizabeth II's father?
10. Which partnership wrote My Fair Lady and Paint Your Wagon?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Ostrogoths; 2 Letchworth; 3 Seraphim; 4 TS Eliot; 5 Campbells; 6 Westminster Abbey; 7 Fungus; 8 Napalm; 9 Oxford; 10 Loganberry.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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37651 gives a second game,
87631 gives a third game.

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Pub's cooking up a real storm

With the recent conditions making driving a risk-taking exercise of the highest degree, you want to find some good grub at the end of your quest to make that risk worthwhile.

Outside left you feeling like Jack Frost himself was running his prickly tongue all over your face, so having something hot and good-tasting in your belly was a terrific tonic.

It was a bonus, then, that the venue itself and staff working within the fairly recently opened Cookhouse & Pub offered the same warmth and friendliness as the food.

We had actually tried to go the night before. But, of course, it's a busy time of year and everyone would be out with friends or co-workers. . . and we hadn't booked. On top of this, they had lost the heaters in one half of the restaurant so were running on a smaller capacity. The staff were very apologetic saying sorry for the wait for tables and trying to fit in an alternative for another night if we didn't have time to wait.

Garlic and chilli prawns, and Moroccan lamb

Modern art – inside the decor is stylish

BOOTHS

We took up the offer of a table the next evening and, based on our brief dealings with the staff so far, signs were good that this place had potential. So, 24 hours later it was take two. The restaurant was back up to full capacity and judging by the warmth swirling around the venue they had their heating back on in all corners.

Again we had service with a smile, one of the sizeable booths at the back of the venue giving a bit of privacy to our meal and we were seated near the kitchen to be enticed by the smells floating out from within.

Of note here is the attention given to those who choose to dine alone. Situated next to a Premier Inn on the A4123 Wolverhampton Road in Oldbury – one of the main routes between the M5 and Wolverhampton city centre – they must undoubtedly get a lot of business trippers with laptop in tow looking to get a bit of prep done over a good bit of food.

To cater for that, they have comfortable looking 'solo seats' with a large enough table to accommodate plate and 'puter with plugs and adjustable lamps to boot. We hadn't seen this idea before, except perhaps for in London, so the idea was rather novel to us.

First thing was to treat the tastebuds with a starter. We were able to make our selections pretty quickly – one of us pregnant and with a constant hankering for meat, while the other just overweight and with a greedy yearning for everything fattening.

I had the Moroccan-style lamb koftas, which sat on a plush bed of hummus and mint with fresh pomegranate seeds topped with Middle Eastern spices. The other half had the honey and mustard pork chipolatas with chopped parsley.

We had both picked our mains off the specials board. I had the special mixed grill, which differed from the regular option with the inclusion of tender, delicious ribs that peeled off the bone with ease.

As for the other half, she had the special lamb ragu which was sweetened nicely and came with a healthy side portion of garlic ciabatta.

This time I opted for the salted caramel, brownie and popcorn sundae but my girlfriend decided liquid was the way forward and had a C&P hot chocolate made with C&P mini chocolate beans, a giant marshmallow and whipped cream on top.

Too soon it was hometime. And a mental note was added to come back soon with family and friends.

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Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a guest cloakroom/WC, a lounge and a good sized family breakfast kitchen.

Upstairs there is a landing to the master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom. There is a driveway to the garage and gardens to front and rear.

In more detail the front door opens to the entrance hall. This has an under stairs storage cupboard. The lounge has a window to the front aspect.

Fitted with a range of wall and base mounted units with work surfaces, the breakfast kitchen has an inset stainless steel sink with a mixer tap and drainer. There is a built-in double oven with a gas hob and an extractor over, space with plumbing for dishwasher, a washing machine and a further appliance space.

Upstairs, the first floor landing has loft access. The master bedroom has a window to the front aspect and an en-suite shower room. Bedroom two has a built-in cupboard and a window to the front aspect. Bedroom three has a window to the rear and bedroom four also has a window to the rear.

The family bathroom has a suite comprising of a panelled bath, a pedestal hand wash basin and WC, part tiling to the walls and window to the rear.

Outside, the frontage of the property has a lawned fore garden. A block paved driveway provides parking for two vehicles and in turn leads to the garage with up and over door, having light, power and housing the boiler. A side gate giving access to the enclosed rear garden with paved patio to lawn.

JR Properties was established in 2011 by director James Richards in his home town of Rugeley. James has a wealth of experience in estate agency and property developing.

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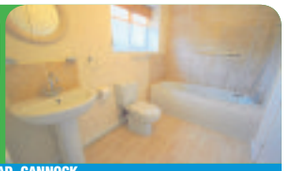

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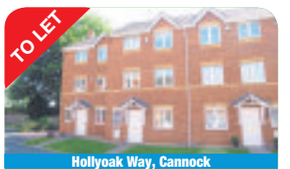

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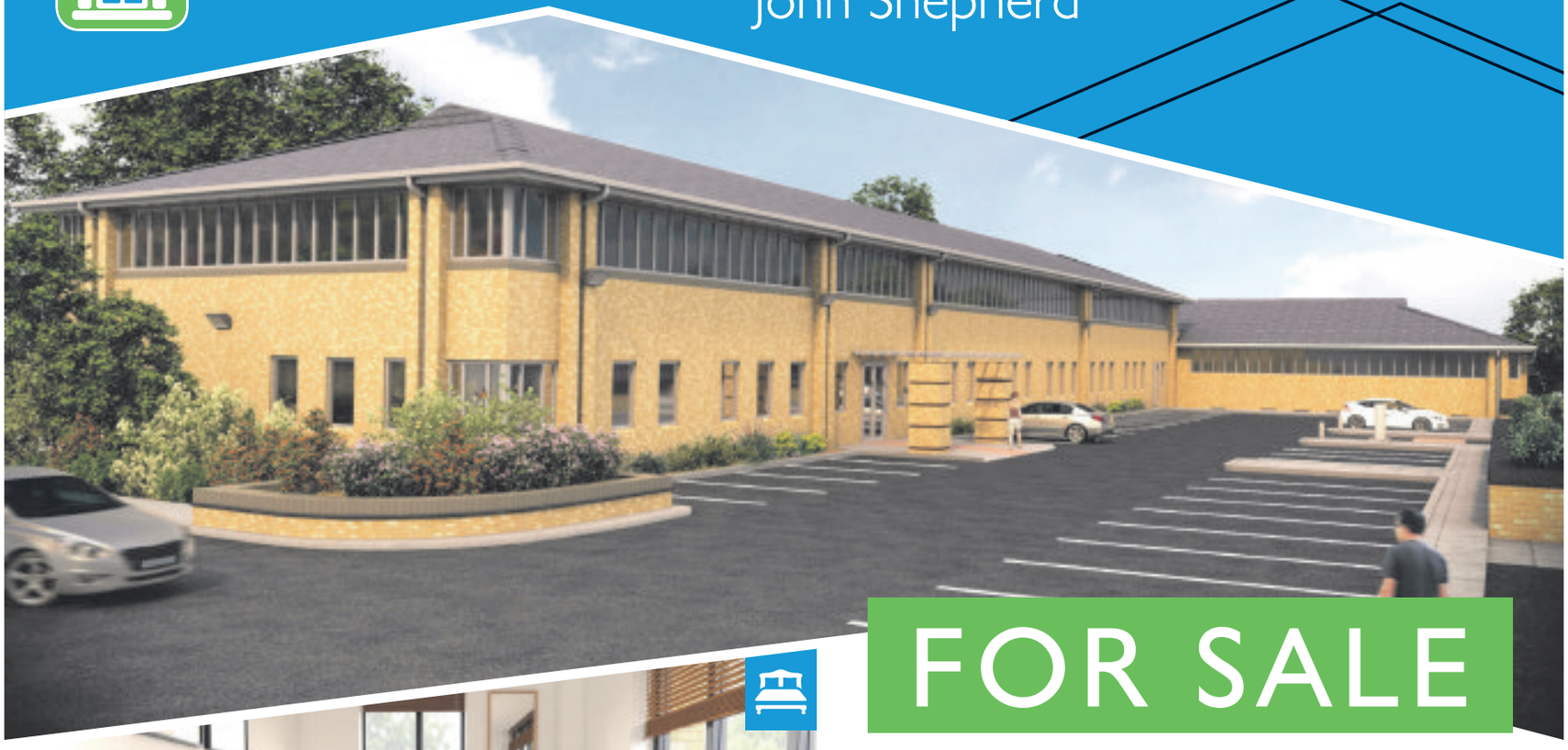

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The rear garden has a paved patio area with the majority remaining laid to lawn. There are also shrub borders.

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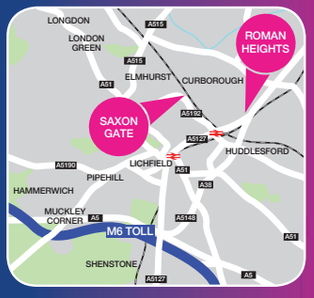

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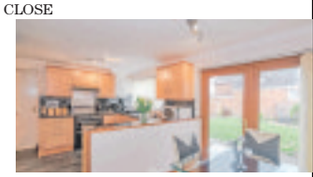
NEW

HEATH HAYES
EDEN CLOSE

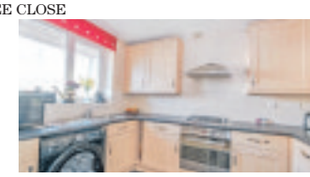


- Well Presented Family Home
- Good School Catchment
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£200,000

NEW

CANNOCK
JUBILEE CLOSE



- Deceptively Spacious
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Guests WC
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Allocated Parking

£43,000 25% Shared

HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD

- Stunning Family Home
- Studio Annex
- Through Hallway,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen,
- Three Bedrooms,
- Bathroom, En-suite

£299,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
SAXON ROAD

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Open Views To Rear
- Hallway, Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Gardens
- Viewing Essential

£139,950

REDUCED

HEDNESFORD
WALTERS CLOSE

- Modern Semi Detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- Guests WC
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

£175,000

NEW

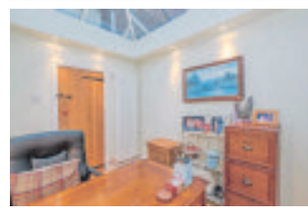
HEDNESFORD
WILLOWS CROFT

- Exclusive Development
- Individual Build
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, Master with En-Suite
- Detached Double Garage
- Gardens, Driveway
- Over looks Hednesford Hills

£325,000

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD



- Stunning Period Property
- Generous Parking to Rear
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Snug, Study
- Orangery, Sun Room
- 5 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Viewing Essential

£325,000

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
BENTONS LANE

- Fully Refurbished
- Detached Home
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Driveway
- Generous Garden

£219,950

NEW

CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET

- Traditional Semi
- Close to Cannock Town
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Main Bed with Ensuite
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden

£180,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
COLTSFOOT

- Lovely Family Home
- Hallway,
- Lounge,
- Kitchen.
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- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom.
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Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
4 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC Rating D

£255,000

CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET

Modern Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen Diner
Guest WC
3 Bedrooms
En Suite
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating C

£220,000

CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET

Traditional Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen Diner
2nd Reception Room
Guest WC
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating D

£210,000

CHESLYN HAY
LITTLEWOOD LANE

Semi Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen
Utility Room
4 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Driveway
Awaiting EPC

£190,000

WEDGES MILLS
THE MEADOWS

Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Guest WC
Conservatory
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£179,995

HUNTINGTON
REDWING DRIVE

Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Front and Rear Gardens
Driveway
EPC Rating D

£124,000

CHESLYN HAY
COPPICE CLOSE

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Garage
Garden
EPC Rating E

£725 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BLOXWICH
STONEY LANE

Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
2 Bathrooms
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
Parking
EPC Rating B

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating E

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOOTTONS COURT

2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Protected Access
Allocated Parking
Sold with Sitting Tenant
EPC Rating D

£79,995

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

INVESTMENT PURCHASE
Protected Access Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Shower Room
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£71,995

WIMBLEBURY
HAMILTON CLOSE

First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Spacious Loft
Parking
EPC Rating D

£69,950

HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH

Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
CHALFONT COURT

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
KENILWORTH COURT

Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Protected Access
Parking
EPC Rating D

£425 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WIMBLEBURY
NELSON DRIVE

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating D

£425 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
RUMMER HILL ROAD

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating E

£425 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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Great Wyrley Office - £525,000

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Impressive detached residence
- Generous overall plot
- Contemporary, refurbished interiors
- Stunning kitchen / family room

4 | 2 | E

Burntwood Office - £435,000

BURNTWOOD - ASHMOLE AVENUE

- Impressive detached residence
- Sought after residential location
- Immaculate decor throughout
- Off road parking & garage

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HAMMERWICH, OVERTON LANE

- Impressive detached residence
- Superb semi-rural location
- Two receptions & breakfast kitchen
- Driveway parking & double garage

4 | 2 | C

Great Wyrley Office - £360,000

GREAT WYRLEY, STATION ROAD

- Impressive detached property
- One bedroom annexe
- Good sized overall plot
- 3 receptions, guest WC

4 | 3 | E

Great Wyrley Office - £325,000

CHESLYN HAY, MOUNT PLEASANT

- Impressive self-build residence
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Three bedrooms with ensuites
- Viewing highly recommended

3 | 3 | C

Burntwood Office - £270,000

BURNTWOOD, GARRICK RISE

- Detached family residence
- Through lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location

4 | 1 | D

Burntwood Office - £215,000

BURNTWOOD, NEW PLANT LANE

- Spacious semi-detached
- Lounge, guest W.C.
- Conservatory, garage
- Viewing highly recommended

4 | 2 | C

Burntwood Office - £200,000

BURNTWOOD - LAMBERT DRIVE

- Link detached bungalow
- Popular residential location
- Spacious lounge
- Driveway & garage

2 | 1 | D

Great Wyrley Office - £177,000

GREAT WYRLEY, SHAWS LANE

- Superb detached property
- Beautifully presented interiors
- Popular residential location
- No onward chain

3 | 1 | D

Great Wyrley Office - £175,000

GREAT WYRLEY - NEWBURY CLOSE

- Semi-detached house
- Popular Cul-de-Sac location
- No upward chain
- Garage & driveway

3 | 1

Great Wyrley Office - Offers Over £130,000

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Traditional Semi
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Very Highly Recommended

2 | 1 | E

Great Wyrley Office - £129,500

BLOXWICH - COLLIERY DRIVE

- Mid town-house
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- Modern kitchen
- Off-road parking

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Daywell Rise, Rugeley — £129,950

NEW

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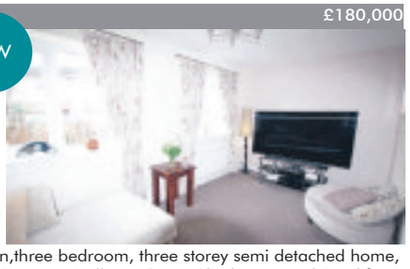
The Lindens, Rugeley — £180,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern,three bedroom, three storey semi detached home, situated within walking distance to town centre. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom and Breakfast Kitchen. Stairs to Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Further Stairs to Master Bedroom and En Suite Shower Room. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Lower Lodge, Armitage — £139,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom mobile home,situated on a corner plot adjacent to woodland. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge to Open Plan Dining Room,Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Parking and Good sized gardens to all sides. "MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE"

The Lindens, Rugeley — £225,000

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three storey ,four bedroom family home. Offering flexible accommodation and having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom and Further Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite. Gardens to

Middle Croft, Hawksyard — £264,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this modern four bedroom family home, situated on the popular Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Good sized Family Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Priory Avenue, Hawksyard — £172,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, being situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Bedroom One with Shower En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway

Jubilee Street, Rugeley — £127,500

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this traditional three bedroom semi detached home, being close to local amenities. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner Lobby ,Guest Cloakroom and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear.

Durham Drive, Rugeley — £259,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this five bedroom extended detached family home. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Two Reception Rooms, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Five Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway providing parking for several vehicles leading to Garage and Garden to rear.

Lion Street, Rugeley — £275,000

NEW

● "White Lion Inn" JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home dating from 1800 in town centre location. Having Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Study and Utility Room. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Four further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized garden and parking

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Old Eaton Road, Rugeley £140,000

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Watson Close, Rugeley £124,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Refitted Kitchen. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens to front and rear.

Cherry Tree Road, Brereton £159,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Off road parking and Garden to front with Good Sized Garden to Rear.

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Dyke Road, Armitage £174,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, in the sought after village of Armitage. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for parking and Gardens to front and rear.

Levett Grange, Rugeley £139,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom mid terraced town house. Having gone through a total makeover and having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Refitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking to front and Gardens front and rear.

Lockside View, Rugeley £229,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer this well presented four bedroom, three storey family home. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Utility Room and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Office Area, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Bedroom Two, Family Shower Room and Second landing to Two further Double

Albany Drive, Rugeley £140,000

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom semi detached home,being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Gardens to front and rear.

Davey Place, Rugeley £114,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Guest W.C and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear.

Uttoxeter Road, Hill Ridware £310,000

● JR Properties are pleased to market this five bedroom family home, situated in the sought after village of Hill Ridware. Being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Lounge, Study, Fitted Kitchen and Utility with Cloakroom. Landing to Five Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway providing parking for several vehicles and Garden to rear.

The Shrubbery, Brereton £230,000 OIEO

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Guest Cloakroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway providing parking for several vehicles to Garage and Garden to rear.

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Well Presented Apartment	Kitchen
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Kitchen
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EPC C

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Two Double Bedrooms	Parking
Lounge / Diner	EPC E

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Park Home	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Garden
Lounge	Off Road Parking

River View, Penkridge

New Build
Two Bedrooms
Lounge / Diner
Kitchen
Parking
EPC B

Offers Around £195,000

Stoney Croft, Cannock

Offers Around £85,950

Top Floor Apartment	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Allocated Parking
Lounge	EPC D

Hobby Way, Cannock

Offers Around £109,950

Ground Floor Apartment	Bathroom
Two Bedrooms	Allocated Parking
Kitchen / Diner	EPC C

Partridge Close, Cannock

Offers Around £125,000

Terraced Property	Quiet Cul De Sac
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge	EPC C

Leasowe Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £125,000

Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Lounge	EPC D

Field Street, Cannock

Offers Around £127,500

Semi Detached Property	Dining Room
Two Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC E

Sycamore Green, Cannock

Offers Around £135,000

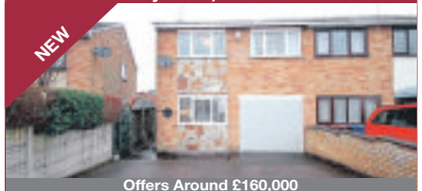
Semi Detached Property	Kitchen / Diner
Two Bedrooms	Utility Room
Lounge	EPC C

Blake Close, Cannock

Offers Around £145,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC D

Sunley Drive, Hednesford



Offers Around £160,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC G

Hallum Way, Hednesford

Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge/Diner	EPC B

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Walters Close, Hednesford

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Offers Over £175,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC B

John Street, Cannock

Offers Around £185,000

Domer Semi Detached Bungalow	Rear Garden
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Fitted Kitchen	EPC E

Uttoxeter Road, Handsacre

Offers Around £190,000

End Terrace Property	Off Road Parking
Three Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Two Bathrooms	EPC C

Far Lady Croft, Armitage

Offers Around £192,500

Town House Property	Fitted Kitchen
Four Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge / Diner	EPC B

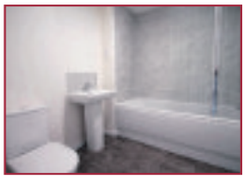
Woodmill, Yoxall

Offers Around £200,000

Terraced Cottage	Rear Garden
Two Bedrooms	Rural Location
Kitchen/Diner	EPC E

Matthews Drive, Cannock

Mid Terraced Property
Two Bedrooms
Brand New
Shared Ownership
Property
Off Road Parking
EPC B



Offers Around £157,500

Lakeside Drive,Norton Canes

Offers Over £210,000

Three/Four Bedrooms	Large Rear Garden
Lounge	Garage
Dining Room/Study	EPC E

Waterlily Close, Cannock

Offers Around £220,000

Detached Property	Guest WC
Three Bedrooms	Conservatory
Two Bathrooms	EPC E

Rickerscote, Staffordshire

Offers Around £220,000

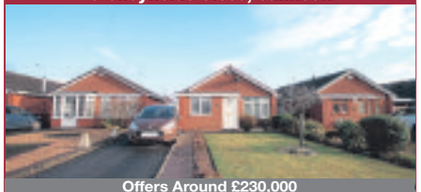
Well Presented Cottage	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Well Maintained Gardens
Lounge	EPC E

Rowan Drive, Handsacre

Offers Around £230,000

Detached Bungalow	Bathroom
Two Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC D

Stoneyfields Close, Cannock



Offers Around £230,000

Detached Bungalow	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC E

Albert Street, Hednesford

Offers Around £240,000

Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	NO UPWARD CHAIN
Lounge	EPC D

Canterbury Drive, Rugeley

Offers Around £265,000

Detached Property	Sought After Location
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Two Bathrooms	EPC C

Broad Lane, Essington

Offers Around £290,000

Detached Property	Conservatory
Four Bedrooms	Private Rear Garden
Kitchen / Breakfast Area	Awaiting EPC

Holly Hill Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £410,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow	Garage
Four / Five Bedrooms	Part Exchange Considered
Well Presented	EPC C

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Plot 1

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6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (78)

Offers in Excess of £210,000 FREEHOLD

262 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUS
located In Popular Residential Area of the Town Convenient for Facilities Locally at Bideford Way

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£189,950 FREEHOLD

8A LITTLEWOOD ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED AND FITTED TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION
Located In A Popular Residential Area In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

NO CHAIN

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating B (82)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

PLOT 2, 198 HEDNESFORD ROAD, NORTON CANES

ONE OF TWO WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCES
Well Located For Facilities Within This Popular Village

- Reception/study
- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Four double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Integral garage & gardens
- Intruder alarm & 10 year warranty
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (83)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

BROOK LODGE, SCHOOL LANE, DUNSTON

NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN THIS POPULAR RURAL HAMLET WITH WELL STOCKED PRIVATE GARDENS Conveniently Located For Access To Facilities At Stafford And Penkridge And A449, A5 And M6 Toll And M54 Motorway

- Enclosed porch and reception hall
- Three reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Double glazed conservatory
- Four double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Double width garage and in and out drive
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£425,000 FREEHOLD

208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock
Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Reception hall
- Cloaks/shower room
- Lounge
- plan refitted dining/ family/kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built on garage and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fuilly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

65 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING LARGER GARDENS APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF AN ACRE Adjoining School Grounds To Rear And Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Central reception hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Four bedrooms
- Shower room and separate toilet
- Garden stores
- Garage and in and out drive
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating TBC

£465,000 FREEHOLD

33 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC Adjoining Open Space/Nature Reserve with Facilities Available at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen/dining/family/ garden room
- Bedroom 4/study
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Private gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£139,950

232A ECCLESHALL ROAD, STAFFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF STAFFORD
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Open plan fitted dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Integral garage and landscaped garden
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating B (83)

£319,950 FREEHOLD

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NEW PRICE

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

£74,950 For 90% Share

30 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Loft room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking & gardens
- EPC rating E (53)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

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4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

UNDER APPLICATION

SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall & cloakroom
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Family bathroom & three en-suites
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Gardens & garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (79)

£1350pcm

22 PRINCESS STREET, CANNOCK

AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (61)

£650pcm

14 ALDER WAY, HAZEL SLADE

RECENTLY REFURBISHED WELL EQUIPPED TOW BEDROOM BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating: C (69)

£675pcm

11 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (74)

£590pcm

5 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN CUL-DE-SAC
Location Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Inner hall
- Double bedroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Electric heating
- Part double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smoers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£475pcm

FLAT 9A CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR FLATConvenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility
- Inner lobby
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£535pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTLocated In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heater
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (70)

£550pcm

18 PRIMROSE MEADOW, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (70)

£675pcm

3 OAKDENE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (77)

£875pcm

21 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (71)

£550pcm

1 WATERMINT CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£750pcm

FLAT 1 ADAM COURT, NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR FLAT
In Sought After Area Convenient For Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (74)

£525pcm

59 EDWARD STREET, BROOMHILL, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£700pcm

9 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

ATTRACTIVE THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Sought After Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Side entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Brick built garden store
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking (no dropped kerb)
- EPC rating: E (43)

£625pcm

APARTMENT 15 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Security phone system
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: B (81)

£525pcm

1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENTLocated In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Elecric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED FROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Conveniently Located In A Much Sought After Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- Electric heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry No smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (73)

£625pcm

234 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (57)

£575pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Ensuite shower room
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (75)

£650pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (40)

£440pcm

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£750pcm

17 WOODFORD WAY, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & built-on garage
- (Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating D (68)

£695pcm

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK

RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In A Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large garden
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

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CHALFONT COURT, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Parking
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

MEADOW WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- DG/GCH
- Parking
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£590 pcm

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BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG, Gardens
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£600 pcm

BEVERLEY HILL, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Gardens
- Driveway
- Energy Rating
- NO DSS/PETS

£650 pcm

BROOKLYN ROAD, BURNTWOOD

- 2 Bed Bungalow
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Gardens/Garage
- Energy rating C
- NO DSS/Pets

£675 pcm

WATERMINT CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

- An extremely well presented four bedroom detached family home.
- Guest WC, lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- Additional sitting room
- Four bedrooms, en-suite
- Family Bathroom

OIRO £260,000

PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

- A well presented four bedroom detached family home
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
- Additional Family Room, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted En-Suite & Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £250,000

TUTBURY CLOSE, HEATH HAYESD

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Bungalow positioned on a Corner Plot.
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Wet Room, Two Double Bedrooms
- Generous Conservatory
- Landscaped Low Maintenance Rear Garden

OIRO £249,950

JUNIPER CLOSE, HAZELSLADE

- An Extended Well Presented Detached House With Open Aspect to Rear
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Three Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Gardens
- Garage & Ample Parking
- Popular Village Location

£229,950

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£210,000

WRENS CROFT, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Popular Residential Location Overlooking Nature Reserve
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Two Parking Spaces
- Rear Garden

OIRO £189,950

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HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/ Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£185,000

STATION COURT, CANNOCK

- A beautifully presented two bed SEMI-deatched house
- Delightful Cul-De-Sac Location
- Guest WC, Modern Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Two Allocated Parking

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WALNUT DRIVE, CANNOCK

- A well presented three ebdroom semi detached house
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Garage, Carport & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£150,000

DAISY BANK, HEDNESFORD

- An Extremely Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£145,000

ASCOT DRIVE, CANNOCK

- An extremely well presented semi detached house
- GCH & D/G
- Hallway, Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden & Driveway

£135,000

UNION STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ground floor apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite and bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double Glazing
- Off road parking

£105,995

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Well presented four bedroom detached family home / Enviable corner plot position at the end of a quiet & sought after cul-de-sac / Parking for several vehicles plus an adjoining double garage / Large

£300,000

Rawnsley Road
HEDNESFORD

Outstanding four bedroom detached family home / Picturesque semi rural location between Cannock Chase & Hednesford Hills / Charming private rear garden with direct access to Cannock Chase

Offers in Excess of £280,000

Gorsemoor Road
HEATH HAYES

Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious four bedroom detached house / Set on large end plot / Generously extended on ground floor / Modern fitted high spec kitchen

£270,000

Asquith Drive
HEATH HAYES

Four bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / UPVC conservatory

£250,000

Corsican Drive
HEDNESFORD

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Set on sought after residential estate

£240,000

Streets Lane
CHESLYN HAY

Well presented and superbly maintained four bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Superb spacious open plan lounge-diner / Integral garage and driveway

Offers in Excess of £230,000

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Railway Street
NORTON CANES

Deceptively spacious and well presented three bedroom detached house / Undergone refurbishment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Very spacious open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Large rear

Offers in the Region Of £210,000

Trent View Close
RUGELEY

Immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached house / Large end corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious lounge and dining room / Two storey side extension with a modern kitchen / Three

£190,000

Strauss Drive
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three storey town house/ NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Victorian conservatory / Private rear garden / Driveway,

Offers in the Region Of £185,000

Braemar Road
NORTON CANES

Well presented three bedroom semi detached family home / Quiet residential area /Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Rear conservatory /Driveway with parking for two vehicles

£175,000

Mount Street
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom detached family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge and modern fitted kitchen-diner / Integral garage and a driveway with parking for 2-3 vehicles

£170,000

Almond Close
HEATH HAYES

Two-three bedroom town house / Quiet cul-de-sac next to a peaceful nature reserve / Two double bedrooms / New drive for 4 vehicles / Spacious first floor lounge and breakfast kitchen / Ground floor

Offers in Excess of £160,000

Sunley Drive
HEDNESFORD

Deceptively spacious & well presented three bedroom semi detached home / Situated down quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to excellent standard throughout

Offers in Excess of £160,000

Rawnsley Road
HEDNESFORD

Well presented refurbished two bedroom semi-detached house / Full planning permission to extend into a four bedroom house / Re-plastering, new electrics, new fitted central heating system and boiler

£150,000

Elder Close
HEATH HAYES

Two bedroom semi detached house / Set back from the road at the end of a private driveway / Spacious lounge and modern fitted kitchen-diner / Driveway for two vehicles / Good sized rear garden

£140,000

Whitfield Road
HEDNESFORD

Deceptively spacious & well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow / Situated down quiet road / Modern fitted kitchen / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway for two vehicles

£140,000

Brindley Crescent
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom mid terraced house / Semi rural location just a few minutes from Cannock Chase / Superb open plan high spec dining kitchen / Private rear garden / Rear driveway with parking for up to

Offers in the Region Of £140,000

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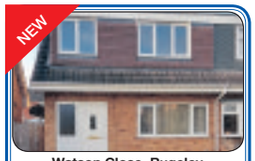

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The RX 450h Sport is distinguished by a series of exterior elements with a matching black finish. This includes a powerful rendition of the trademark Lexus spindle grille, featuring a sequence of horizontal black fins, framed in chrome and flanked by fog lights set in new black surrounds.

The 20-inch alloy wheels have a twin-spoke design and are also finished in black. The side profile is further punctuated by new black housings for the heated, electrically adjustable door mirrors with integrated turn indicators and auto-folding function. The cabin has an all-black theme, including the smooth leather upholstery.

At the rear a new black and chrome diffuser treatment for the lower part of the bumper creates a strong contrast with the bodywork colour while also expressing the RX's status as a spacious SUV with all-wheel drive capability.

It sits at the heart of the RX range as an accessible choice for customers, based on the Luxury grade.

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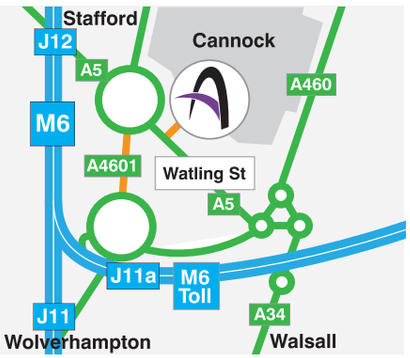

Valentine weekend 18-plate event

Commercial feature

St Valentine's Day is a time for lovers – and anyone looking for a brand new, 18-plate car will surely love the huge savings on offer from Acorn Kia at this special time of year.

For not only is the Burntwood-based company offering the full range of manufacturer-backed discounts but also a range of additional savings worth thousands of pounds to its customers.

Hotline

The special event at Acorn, based in Cannock Road, Chase Terrace, Burntwood, WS7 1SJ, runs from Friday, February 9 until Monday, February 12. Booking your appointment is essential, in order to allow sales staff to give potential customers their individual attention and to allow time for test drives.

The hotline number to make an appointment is 07759 966386.

A similar event last year proved a phenomenal success for the family-run dealership and its customers, and that's no surprise with the manufacturer's no deposit, 4.9 per cent APR finance, savings of up to £2,815, deposit contributions of up to £1,500 and Kia's seven year warranty.

Acorn Kia is also offering a list of free extras which offer more substantial savings to the customer, including additional discounts, three free services, free Diamondbrite paint protection, free MoT for ten years and two free valets per year for three years.

All these offers mean customers can order their new Kia in time for the change to the '18' registration plate change on March 1.

Kia Acorn is undergoing a major investment to benefit customers, with a large new parking area and plans for a major upgrade of its showroom facilities.

The company has a first-class reputation for its after-sales service, too, employing highly-train technicians and the latest technology to keep your car in tip-top condition.

It is also a great time to be looking at a new Kia, with several new and improved models joining the line-up of a company with an ever-growing reputation.

One of the latest in the range is the Stonic compact SUV, taller and longer than the Rio supermini on which it is based with a roomy and well-finished interior compared to class rivals. It comes with a choice of 1.0 litre turbo or 1.4 petrol engines and a 1.6 diesel.

Matthew Sparkes, sales director. Kia sales team: Steve Haley, Adrian Davis, and Andrew Hutchinson

The new Rio itself, launched last year, also comes with a fresh new look, new engines and technology and even entry-level models come with features such as air conditioning, front electric windows, Bluetooth and LED running lights.

Kia's city car, the Picanto, has received much praise for its low running costs, and one of the new power options, the peppy but frugal 1.0 litre turbocharged engine, as well as an upgraded interior.

Customers may also be wooed by Kia's two larger SUVs, the popular Sportage and Sorento, or the sporty Pro_cee'd hatchback.

At the top of the range sits the brand new Stinger, a sleek and stylish executive express which is a real head-turner with performance and handling to match.

Acorn Kia's Valentine Weekend offers a range of cars everyone can fall in love with – and with huge savings into the bargain.

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Enjoy Acorn Ford's massive savings

Commercial feature

It's nearly Valentine's Day and love is in the air – and any motorist who wants a new, 18-plate Ford will surely love the huge savings on offer this weekend.

For not only is the Burntwood-based company offering the full range of manufacturer-backed discounts and but also a range of additional savings worth thousands of pounds to its customers.

Hotline

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The hotline number to make an appointment is 07759 966386.

During the four-day event Acorn Ford will be able to tailor each deal to meet your individual, with a combination of offers from the manufacturer and a range of money saving offers exclusive to the dealer.

For example, the manufacturer-backed deals include no deposit, 1.29 per cent APR finance, savings of up to £5,900 plus 0 per cent finance on selected models – as well as the first two services free of charge,

If that wasn't enough, Acord Ford is offering free Diamondbrite paint protection, free MoTs for ten years, and two free valets for each of the first three years as well as extra discounts.

There can never have been a better time to inspect the full Ford range and place an order

There will be a range of additional savings

in time for the new 18-plate registration on March 1.

Certainly it's hardly a surprise that last year's Valentine's event proved a tremendous success, both for the dealership and its customers.

AcornFord is undergoing a major investment to benefit customers, with a large new parking area and plans for a major upgrade of its showroom facilities.

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Florence Dulcie

(Dulcie)

Sadly passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018, aged 96 years.

Dulcie was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at St Luke's Church, Cannock at 1pm. Followed by a Burial at Cannock Cemetery.

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NORMAN

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She will be sadly missed by her loving Children, Eileen, Kath, Vernon, John, Marion, Peter and Jean.

Her Funeral Service will take place on Monday, February 19, at St Mary's Church, Colton at 1pm, followed by the Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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From Wife Pearl and Family.

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PRICE

Ronald

Sadly passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2018, aged 86 years.

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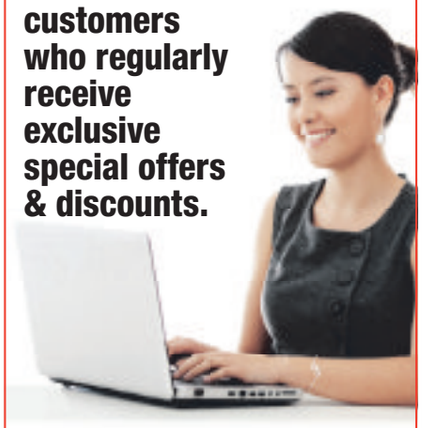

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Injured Gavin sees title fight put back

FRANKIE Gavin's IBO Welterweight World title fight with Bethuel Ushona has been pushed back a month after the Birmingham fighter suffered an ankle injury in training. The February 23 fight against the Namibian for the vacant title, at the Genting Arena in Birmingham, has been rescheduled to March 24.

Tickets will be honoured from the original date and the undercard – which features the likes of Josh Stokes and includes two other IBO title fights – is expected to be relatively unaffected.

Gavin's trainer Dean Edwards admitted the injury– sustained during a training camp in Ireland – had been a setback but insisted it was merely a minor one and that Frankie would be fighting fit for the new date. He said: "Frankie has sprained the ligaments in his left ankle and been advised by medics to cease training for seven to ten days. But it's a minor problem.

Gavin said: "I'm gutted but I'll be back. There is no way I'm letting myself or anyone else down."

Selby on cue for an exhibition maximum

WORLD snooker champ Mark Selby racked up a 147 break when he checked in at Stourbridge Snooker Club. The world number one played 10 frames against local players and two raffle winners and knocked in a further three century breaks, including a 132 to kick off the evening

Local snooker league stalwart Kevin Franklin, who helped organise the event, almost stole the headlines in the final frame of the evening when he lost on the black against the cueman dubbed 'The Jester from Leicester'.

But while his potting skills drew plenty of plaudits, it was his all-round demeanour that really impressed Franklin. "Mark was a class act, not just on the table but off it as well," added Franklin. "I have been to a lot of these exhibition nights and organised a fair few, but this was the best one by far.

"He had time for everyone and was still there around midnight signing autographs and having pictures taken. Initially he had been due to play eight frames but when he turned up he said he would do a bit of a question and answer session and play a couple extra frames if we wanted."

Fundraising game for club mascot's family

MASCOTS will do battle at Halesowen Town FC for a match in memory of Albion mascot Richard Eades.

Richard, who dressed as Albi Bird, died of a heart attack on Boxing Day, aged 42. Fellow mascot and friend Dave Challenor, who donned the Baggie Bird costume, has organised the match. The mascots' clash will provide the curtain-raiser for match between a West Brom All-Stars team led by former midfielder Andy Johnson and Boing FC, the Albion supporters' team father-of-two Eades used to play for.

Dave is confident mascots from Wolves, Walsall, Birmingham City, Manchester City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Bradford City, Yeovil Town, Hartlepool, and Exeter City will all join in the match.

Hundreds of people have already registered an interest in coming along on April 29, part of a whole day devoted to fundraising for the Eades family. It starts at 11am. It will start with a nine-a-side tournament featuring teams from all aspects of Richard's life.

Phenomenal footballer – and an even better man

Tears from fans at the memorial service

Adrian Chiles among the mourners

Brendon Batson reads a tribute

Beverley Knight performs during the memorial service for Cyrille Regis

STARS paid tribute to footballing 'pioneer' Cyrille Regis at an emotional service, describing him as 'a superstar of the day, but a man of the people'.

At the service at The Hawthorns dedicated to his remarkable life, it was not just Cyrille's prowess on the pitch that was hailed. His humility and grace as a man was also celebrated.

Regis was described by his former boss Ron Atkinson as 'a phenomenal footballer and an even better bloke'. Former Liverpool and England star John Barnes called Cyrille 'an ambassador for humanity'.

And that praise for the former Albion, Wolves, Villa and Coventry forward's character was a recurring theme from all those who took the time to share memories of him. Among those at the service were Brighton boss Chris Hughton, Regis's nephew Jason Roberts, and ex-England stars Barnes, Carlton Palmer and Viv Anderson.

Humility

Albion fan and broadcaster Adrian Chiles, club legend 'Super' Bob Taylor and former Baggies and Wolves striker Don Goodman all attended. Soul star Beverley Knight performed during the service, while Chris Kamara. Les Ferdinand and Dwight Yorke also turned up.

Barnes heaped praise on Cyrille's personality, saying it even outshone his skills as a striker.

He said: "Cyrille was a fantastic footballer but the greatest quality a human being can have in my opinion is humility – and for someone who was such a great person, he had humility in abundance.

"As much as a he was a great footballer, a trailblazer and a pioneer, his greatest quality was his humility. He was an ambassador for humanity."

Big Ron, who managed Regis at Albion and briefly at Villa, said: "From a football point of view, Cyrille would always be the number nine in my best ever team. And as a person he was a great bloke. He was a phenomenal footballer and an even better bloke.

"He didn't go out of his way to fight any crusades but he changed football by being what he was, a role model to everybody. He conducted himself the right way both on and off the field."

CYRILLE REGIS 1958-2018

By David Cosgrove

"He didn't go out of his way to fight any crusades but he changed football by being what he was, a role model to everybody."

Brighton manager Chris Hughton said: "He leaves a lasting legacy because he played in a very difficult era for black players and had a big impact on the lives of those black players who followed him."

Now a Sky Sports presenter, Chris Kamara played in that same era as Cyrille and said the striker had blazed a trail for others to follow. Kamara said: "He was an icon to so many players. What a man, what a legend."

Broadcaster Adrian Chiles said Cyrille became his first hero after he saw him at The Hawthorns back in 1977. Now aged 50, Chiles said: "Cyrille was my first hero and I thought he was indestructible so it makes you realise we are all mortal. He transcended football. There have been so many footballers across the world but very few you can name that transcend the game.

"It's a privilege to have known him."

Bob Taylor, who followed in Cyrille's footsteps as an Albion striker and Hawthorns favourite, said: "From a personal point of view, Cyrille was my coach when I was here, he was a mentor for me – and he was a friend. Anybody you speak to will tell you that he was an ambassador on the football pitch and an ambassador off it."

Don Goodman, who – like Regis – represented both Albion and Wolves, added: "Quite simply he was a boyhood hero of mine. As I got to know Cyrille through my links with West Bromwich Albion, I came to know what a great man he was. Not just because he stood up in the face of racism but because he was an all-around good fellow.

"This man was a superstar of the day, but he was a man of the people."

In a moving eulogy, his nephew Jason Roberts, who also played for Albion, said: "Carrying his coffin with my cousins, uncle and family members, it was the first time it has been hard to be Cyrille Regis's nephew. People always wanted to spend time with him, to spend time around his influence. I was so fortunate to have that as a family member.

Unique

"The way he interacted with me or my family wasn't necessarily unique. Everybody was inspired by him, that's why I went on to play football.

"It's why my uncle David went on to have a football career, why I wanted to have a career.

"As an individual and a family we don't own the legacy of Cyrille Regis, everybody here does, everybody who's been touched by him, everybody who's been motivated to stay here in the cold and listen to his legacy. He was a special man and his legacy must live on and through our memories of him."

Dave Regis, Cyrille's younger brother, said: "Like all of us, Cyrille had his ups and downs in life. There was a time after Laurie Cunningham died that he struggled to come to terms with it. He found life difficult, this is when he turned to God seeking some comfort in his life.

"When C met Julia he was back to the brother we knew. He was beaming when he introduced her, it was obvious that she made him happy. His faith brought him peace, he never forced it on anyone.

"We will miss his wisdom, his voice and his life. We will miss you bro, all day long."

Said John Sillett, Coventry City's FA Cup-winning manager: "I had the greatest job in football, managing a man called Cyrille Regis. An electric gifted character, he was a bonder of men."

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Sport

What a man! Tributes for legend big Cyrille continue

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Jack's the lad as he bags a hat-trick

Jack Langston completes his hat-trick

Chasetown 5 Peterborough Sports 4

CHASETOWN edged a nine-goal thriller to open up a five-point cushion to the teams outside the Evo-Stik League Division One South play-offs.

The Scholars moved into the top six on Saturday morning courtesy of a 12-point deduction for Cleethorpes Town, who visit next Tuesday.

And Scott Dundas's men immediately began to open up a gap over the sides below courtesy of a hat-trick from Jack Langston. Chasetown made a dream start with a goal after four minutes as Muzzy Nduna diverted Jake Lovatt's cross beyond Daniel George.

A minute later, Lovatt was pulled to the ground and Langston scored from the spot.

Oliver Medwynter and Jordan MacLeod drew Sports level before the break.

Chasetown were back in front five minutes into the second half, with another Langston penalty. Two minutes later, Langston – who turned down a move to higher-league Halesowen Town last month – lashed home left-footed for his hat-trick.

Sports drew level thanks to Sam Hill and substitute Andre Williams, but Lovatt had the last word.

Chasetown visit Lincoln United on Saturday.

Lead at top extended in six-try win

Burntwood 40 Edwardians 7

BURNTWOOD stretched their lead at the top of the Midlands 3 West North table with a six try bonus point win at home to Edwardians.

In what could have been a tricky outing for the hosts, they had the try bonus point before half-time to lead 28-0. The second period was more of a slog as the pitch conditions deteriorated but they still outscored their opponents by two tries to one to complete the double.

A good start by Sean Latham's side was almost rewarded with a try by Graham Shelley after just three minutes but it was ruled out when the pass to him was adjudged forward.

Alan Mapp did get on the scoresheet, with Aza Dunet converting.

Burntwood continued to dominate and their reward came with a 23rd minute Latham try, converted by Rory Newall.

The loss of Nick Peplow and Shelley due to injury didn't halt Burntwood's momentum and they went further ahead on 32 minutes, Newall adding the extras to Josh Canning's try.

The lively Ross Bedworth was involved in the build up to the fourth try close to half time. The ball eventually reached Lloyd Dunet who raced in from 40m for a bonus pint try converted by Newall.

The visitors had the better of the opening exchanges in the second half and got off the mark with a penalty try eight minutes in. The hosts responded well and their next try came from a piece of opportunism by Ben Holt on the hour mark. Dunet again converted.

The final try came when Canning and Latham drove for the line to pull in defenders so that when the ball was moved wide there was an overlap for Holt to feed Newall.

Burntwood 2nds made the trip to face Leek 2nds. A close contest was decided by a late try to the hosts who won 26-19.

This Saturday Burntwood have a re-arranged league game away at Trentham.

New teams wanted for six-a-side league

NEW teams are being welcomed at a six-a-side league in Burntwood – at a reduced entry fee.

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PITMEN MOVE INTO PLAY-OFFS

Farsley Celtic 1 Hednesford Town 3

HEDNESFORD Town came from behind to beat fellow promotion hopefuls and move into the Evo-Stik League Premier Division play-off places.

The Pitmen suffered setbacks before kick-off with winger Mason Walsh turning up late and midfielder Reece King picking up an injury in the warm-up.

And things went from bad to worse as Hednesford fell behind in just the fifth minute. Paul Walker's pass found its way to Ben Atkinson, who rounded keeper James Wren to fire Farsley ahead.

Hednesford were unfortunate not to be level in the 17th minute as James Lawrie saw his rising shot cleared off the line before, from the resulting corner, Jordan Graham's backheel was also stopped on the line.

Advantage

Right on the stroke of half-time, the Pitmen would draw themselves level as good football, and use of the advantage rule by the referee, saw Danny Glover pick out Joe Fitzpatrick, who made no mistake from 10 yards.

There was some concern for the welfare of Hednesford's James Fitzgibbon in the 65th minute as he collided with an advertising board and was forced off with a nasty gash to the head.

Hednesford edged ahead in the 79th minute when some excellent play by Graham saw him get to the byeline before his cross in found Glover to head the ball into the net from six yards out.

Callam Mendez-Jones was forced to make a fine block two minutes later to preserve the lead before the Pitmen sealed all three points in the first minute of stoppage time. James Lawrie hassled the last defender into a mistake and rounded Graeme McKibbin before firing home from a tight angle. The Pitmen are at home to Barwell on Saturday.

Fans pitch in to help heroes

Secretary Carol Johnson hands over the cheque to a Help for Heroes representative

GENEROUS supporters of Hednesford Town FC have collected more than £170 for Help for Heroes.

As part of its charitable role in the community, the club's Supporters Association has made regular collections for the armed forces charity. For the past season, team sheets have been made available in the club shop for fans before each home game. Supporters have generously made donations each time they take one. All those donations have built up over time and realised a sum of £179.01. Before a recent home game, HTFCSA secretary Carol Johnson handed over the cheque to a Help for Heroes representative.

Scott Smith, chairman of the Supporters Association, said: "On behalf of the HTFCSA I was delighted to see this money, which had been raised through the hard work of the football club and HTFCSA members, going to Help for Heroes. I'd also like to thank everyone who donated money into the collection bucket."

Leaders have Cannock tied up in Notts

Cannock M1s 2 Nottingham Uni M1s 3

CANNOCK fielded six players not yet old enough to attend university against the league leaders.

They led twice, through Callum Stacey and Duncan Gladwin, but Notts struck the winner in the 62nd minute.

Cannock M3s 1 Warwick 0

NOT long after the re-start a Chris Mayer shot from a short corner was saved by the defender with his foot for a penalty stroke. Mayer stepped up and dispatched it into the bottom corner.

Cannock M4s 0 Harbourne 3

CANNOCK'S performance probably deserved more. Conor Lloyd-Smith played his first game for the 4ths and made some brilliant saves, while Andy Hoare did well stepping up to give the side 11 players.

Cannock M5s 3 Sutton Coldfield 1

MAT Edwards, Fergus Forsyth and Paul Martin were on target for Cannock.

Isca 1 Cannock L1s 0

IT was a long way back for Cannock Ladies after losing 1-0 in Exeter. The goal came from a second half penalty corner.

Cannock L2s 1 Loughborough Uni 1

LOUGHBOROUGH had a goal disallowed before scoring just before half-time. Rachel Drayton Chana levelled.

Cannock L4s 2 Leek 2

CANNOCK twice came back to level, and earned a point thanks to two Hettie Pigott goals.

Cannock L5s 1 WATS 0

DORA Adams scored the only goal of this friendly game.

Sporting home in on quarter final spot

WOLVES Sporting CFC have another home tie in the quarter-final of the FA Vase – if they get past Leighton in a re-arranged fixture.

Last Saturday's fifth round tie was called off following a 10am inspection by the fourth official. The teams will try again this weekend. Kick off at Pride Park, Great Wyrley is 3pm.

The winners will entertain 1874 Northwich from The Hall Mark Security League Premier Division – Step 5 of the pyramid – on Saturday February 24.

Sporting were due to entertain Malvern in the West Midlands League Regional Cup quarter-final on Tuesday.

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Wendy

David, Martin and Adrian would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who ensured that Wendy had a deserved send off after her lifetime of love and devotion.

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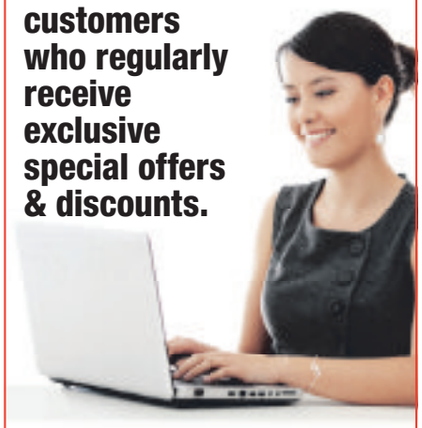

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